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Israel to stick with own plan

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Israeli Cabinet decided Sunday to stick to its May 1989 peace plan and offer no new initiatives at the present time.

The majority decision, announced after intensive deliberations all day Sunday by the full cabinet and the policymaking inner cabinet, came on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's visit here.

Baker, on his first diplomatic junket through the Middle East in the immediate aftermath of the Persian Gulf war, was due to arrive Monday for a two-day visit, his first to Israel as secretary of state.

While the Israeli government agreed to stand by its two-year-old plan, calling for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that would lead to negotiations for Palestinian autonomy, the ministers made clear Israel was not buying the land-for-peace formula strongly endorsed last week by U.S. President George Bush.

That was indicated especially with respect to the Golan Heights, which Israel seized from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed in 1980.

"The Golan Heights is under Israeli sovereignty. It is not a subject for negotiations," Economics and Planning Minister David Magen told reporters after the cabinet session.

He said he was relaying the position of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, which is "well known and

unchanged, and does not need repeating."

He spoke in response to recent media speculation that Israel might be prepared to discuss the Golan in peace talks with Syria, especially since Shamir insists on negotiations without preconditions.

Strong support for the no-concessions position came from Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky of Likud, who demonstrably visited the Golan on Sunday as he had visited the Arab West Bank town of Hebron last week.

Shilansky aroused the anger of Knesset members Dedi Zucker and Yossi Sarid of the dovish Citizens Rights Movement. Zucker introduced a motion to censure the speaker, who by custom may not speak out on controversial issues.

According to Transport Minister Moshe Katsav, a Likud member of the inner cabinet, there would be "no backing away" from the 1989 plan, "even though Israel has emerged strengthened from recent events," an apparent reference to the defeat of Iraq by the U.S.-led coalition of military forces.

Katsav said Shamir and a "solid majority" of ministers dismissed objections to the peace plan by cabinet hard-liners.

They included Likud's Ariel Sharon; Yuval Ne'eman, leader of the Tehiya party, which favors annexa-

tion of the territories; and Rehavam Ze'evi, of the extremist Moledet party, which favors transfer of Arabs out of the territories entirely.

They oppose the idea of elections, claiming it would lay the foundations of a Palestinian state.

But according to Katsav, "we have no intention of changing our plan."

The 1989 initiative was put together largely by Shamir and former Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the Labor Party, when Israel was governed by a Likud-Labor unity regime.

The Palestinians were to elect representatives with whom Israel would negotiate over autonomy and eventually the final status of the territories.

Although the plan was favorably received in Washington, it foundered over Israel's refusal to discuss plans for the elections with any Palestinians it considered even remotely linked to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israel remains adamant on that point and may not have to confront it, since the PLO has been discredited in much of the Arab world for supporting Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Israel also insists on parallel peace talks with its Arab neighbors, which, with the exception of Egypt, are technically still in a state of war with Israel.

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ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANT

An Ethiopian child carries an Israeli flag at Ben-Gurion Airport. Since his arrival, Ethiopian aliya has been halted by Ethiopian officials.

Clark urges Israelis to swap land for peace

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

A territories-for-peace agreement is essential in order to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, said External Affairs Minister Joe Clark during a visit to Israel last week.

The Gulf War has demonstrated that there are "no reliable conventional defences for anyone, and that makes it even more urgent for people interested in real security to try to find negotiated security arrangements," said Clark, reiterating his support for UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which call on Israel to withdraw from territories occupied in the 1967 war.

Clark's visit was part of a brief Middle East tour that included stops in Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. During his stay in Israel, he met Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister David Levy, opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, as well as Palestinian leaders in the territories, including Faisal Hussein.

Clark said he told Palestinian leaders that he "thought the world climate was now more ready to encourage action on Security Council resolutions."

He also told them that he believed Palestinians wanted to find ways to repair the damage to their reputation caused by the PLO's support for Saddam Hussein, but he did not call on them to find an alternate leadership.

"I believe the PLO has been greatly discredited, and I told that to the Palestinians with whom I met. But the Palestinians have to be represented in negotiations by an organization that has legitimacy among their own people," said Clark, adding that "they chose Yasser Arafat."

Clark said he had discussed confidence-building measures with both Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

"Palestinians have an

opportunity to turn the page and put the past behind them," he said. "If that becomes the attitude of the Palestinians — and that is my impression — then Canada wants to work with them."

Clark reiterated his support for an international peace conference under the auspices of the UN, but added that he would be open to other options if they

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While on a swing through the Middle East, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on peace prospects in the post-war Gulf region. [Canapress Photo Service]

War crimes unit suffers setback

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The dismissal of war crimes charges against Stephen Reistetter further places into question the sincerity of the Justice Department in bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre charged last week.

"I'm highly skeptical of the whole war crimes process," Sol Littman told The CJN. "I've had questions over the sincerity of the Justice Department. They opposed prosecutions for 40 years and when told by Parliament to go ahead, they did it without any sincerity and zeal."

"I don't think they have any feeling that the biological clock is ticking on... They may say it, but I don't think they have any fire in the belly."

Littman's indignation was prompted when Gilles Renaud, a lawyer for the Justice Department's war crimes unit, told Judge John White of the Ontario Court of Justice last week that there was insufficient evidence to proceed against Reistetter.

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Priority for elderly, poor, education

Montreal community agencies feel effects of recession



Sixth in a series on the effects
of the recession
on the Jewish community

By

JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Local agencies that are beneficiaries of Combined Jewish Appeal can expect a 5-7 per cent reduction in their allocations in 1990-91 Allied Jewish Community Services budget, due April 1, said AJCS executive director John Fishel.

The 1990 CJA total barely matched the \$34 million raised in the 1989 campaign, he said. Almost 60 per cent of that goes to Israel.

The parallel Operation Exodus drive, was launched simultaneously with the CJA last spring, instead of in the fall as usual, and raised \$30 million. Fishel speculates this extraordinary campaign may have detracted somewhat from the CJA.

AJCS's lengthy budget process, which began in September, continues. Fishel said those agencies that work in areas deemed community priorities will be less severely cut. These areas are the frail elderly, Jewish education and "vulnerable families," including the poor. He would not specify which of the 19 agencies can expect the worst.

Collections for last year's campaign have been "relatively good," Fishel said, indicating the Gulf crisis and the Soviet immigration apparently helped convince people to pay up. And the early start of the campaign has put the budgeting process ahead of schedule.

Fishel, however, does not minimize the possible effect a prolonged recession could have maintaining community institutions. "No one is fully recession-proof. A number of businesses have been impacted dramatically, both in the manufacturing and service industries... Inflation and the GST are factors that alone can have an effect even without an economic downturn."

Assistant executive director Nancy Rosenfeld said agencies were asked to present a "core budget and a float," that is, the 80 per cent core portion, would represent the absolute minimum the agency felt it could get by on.

"Resources are not unlimited. Some creativity and prudence is required," Fishel said. To help agencies operate in a more business-like manner, a committee of the agencies and AJCS has been set up to look into ways of saving money, such as through joint purchases or increasing fees for services.

This year's CJA is expected to begin at its normal fall date, with no repeat of Operation Exodus.

No matter how long the recession lasts, AJCS is studying the financial requirements and fund-raising capacity of the Montreal Jewish community over the long term, and the effect.

The recession is being felt at the Israel-based fund-raising organizations, but not among the top category of donations, says Carolyn Steinman, Montreal director of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and chairman of a committee of such organizations.

She said her organization has seen no diminution of its receipts of gifts of at least \$500,000, and plans are going ahead for a spring dinner in honor of Quebec industrial Paul Desmarais, which it is hoped will raise \$2 million. She termed 1990 as an

"excellent" year. The very wealthy, she thinks, are not hard hit by economic cycles.

A slowdown can be seen in the everyday small gifts, she said. "We're just not getting as many phone calls."

Smaller Israel-based organizations are suffering more than the well-established Hebrew U Friends, she suspects, because they "never had major gifts to begin with." The Gulf War, however, has helped some organizations, such as Shaare Zedek Hospital and Magen David Adom, that offer direct services to those injured by missile attacks, Steinman said.

The Quebec office of B'nai Brith is feeling the economic pinch these days. The staff has been reduced to three with the elimination of one position, and the organization moved to smaller quarters this year.

A serious blow was the cancellation of last November's dinner to Steinberg chief Michel Gaucher. These annual testimonials are the major fund raising of BB in Quebec. Regional director Yechiel Glustein said Gaucher bowed out for "personal reasons," although it was well publicized at the time Steinberg was having some financial problems.

Programs have not been cut

Glustein said demands on the community in Operation Exodus have also made it more difficult to fund raise. Nevertheless, he said no programs have been cut and volunteers are relied upon more than ever to get the work done. BB has about 3,000 members in Montreal, he said.

BBYO has been given a reprieve in Montreal, after parents, alumni and lodge members pledged to help bail it out, he said.

"I'm not pessimistic... We're trying to do our best just to hang in there."

At Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region executive director Michael Crelinsten said that all regions have been warned by the National Budgeting Conference to expect cuts. He expects to receive more details at an NBC meeting in Ottawa March 12.

"At this point, our budget status is up in the air. I've prepared a very lean budget, but I'm just waiting and seeing. You could say I'm cautiously vigilant."

The other major national Jewish organization, the Canadian Zionist Federation, which has its head office in Montreal, continues to be mired in money woes that well predate the recession.

The good news is that CZF has halved its deficit to about \$400,000, said Barry Brodwin, former comptroller who continues to serve as financial consultant.

The CZF problems grew critical a couple of years ago when the World Zionist Organization severely cut the

CZF's budget. The CZF continues to operate without a national director and recently reduced its office space by 40 per cent.

With no further cuts expected in the budget it will receive from the WZO in April, Brodwin described the CZF's situation as "stabilizing." The officers have been successful in raising some funds in Canada, he said to offset the debt.

"The CZF does not have the activities it used to have, and what it does have are either self-financing or low cost. But no regional offices have closed."

At the grassroots level, that the recession is affecting Montreal Jews is manifesting itself in a number of ways.

Jewish Family Services has seen an increase in the number of requests for its financial supplementation program.

The YM-YWHA is receiving more requests for subsidized memberships, said assistant executive director Monette Malewski. In addition, there is greater demand for services from more disadvantaged segments of the community.

This is becoming difficult to meet because last year the number of higher-priced donor categories of membership fell off, and in the last two or three months regular member-

ships has dropped off as well, she said.

The Y relies heavily on membership fees because AJCS contributes only 11 per cent of its annual budget, she said.

Malewski feels the extra demand of Operation Exodus, compounded by a weak economy, have taken their toll on the higher categories of members.

Branch closing

The Y is closing its Davis branch in Cote St. Luc in June after some 25 years at that location and has put off indefinitely plans to build a home for its West Island branch. Instead, it is looking for better rented premises. And although it is not flourishing, the Y feels an obligation to keep open its Laval branch to serve the 7,000 Jews remaining there.

"We're looking at our budget to find creative ways of doing more for less," she said.

Hard times are showing up at the Jewish day schools in the form of parents not coming through with their monthly payments.

"I have no facts and figures yet, but we are getting more NSF cheques than ever before," said Association of Jewish Day Schools executive director Joseph Rabinovitch.

The actual number of requests for reduced fees may not have increased, but families whose children are already receiving scholarships are asking for larger ones, he said.

The pre-registration for next year won't be completed until the end of February, but Rabinovitch said he does not anticipate any reduction in overall enrolment.

Among synagogues, conditions vary widely, but Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal vice-president Edward Wolkove does not see much evidence of the recession. He pointed to multi-million-dollar expansions completed at the Beth Tikvah in Dollard des Ormeaux and the Beth Zion in Cote St. Luc. Plans are going ahead for the construction of a new Conservative synagogue in DDO, Adat Re'im.

Those that are hurting were doing so before the recession started, he said, namely, those congregations east of Decarie Blvd., which are aging and suffering from the shift of the Jewish population westward.

Generally, though young people seem to be maintaining synagogue memberships, he said.

Reform shul seeking solutions to keep congregation functioning

By

DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

One of only two Reform congregations in the Montreal area is in a state of "financial tightening" and may have to consider some creative solutions to keep its congregation functioning.

The 30-year-old Rodeph Shalom synagogue in Dollard des Ormeaux has not renewed the contract of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Larry Kaplan.

But Rabbi Kaplan, 61, said in an interview with The CJN that he will be leaving June 30 after four years of service because of health considerations for himself and his wife. He said he will be seeking the friendlier climes and a new position as a rabbi in his native United States.

But individuals familiar with the situation at the synagogue said the congregation was seeking ways to extricate itself from financial problems that may be threatening its future viability.

One possibility said to have been discussed was some sort of amalgamation with the much larger Reform congregation in Montreal, the Temple Emanuel/Beth Shalom.

June Weiss, president of the Rodeph Shalom, declined to comment on the synagogue's health, saying it would be a "waste of time" prior to the June 3 meeting of the synagogue's board of directors.

Weiss, however, did not outright

deny rumors that the Rodeph Shalom was seeking ways to keep itself afloat. But the trouble with rumors is that they "can start and bounce around so quickly it's almost a sin," she said.

Besides, she said, whether the subject comes up at all "depends on what happens" between now and June 3. "It's a tough market out there."

The annual meeting, and not before, would be the time for any such issue to come under discussion, she repeated.

The departure of Kaplan "leaves all sorts of rumblings in the foundation" and the synagogue "has an adjustment to make," Weiss acknowledged, but that applies to all synagogues when rabbis leave.

Schools operating

She also declined to comment on whether ideological differences between the congregation and Kaplan was a factor in his departure.

Weiss did want to make the point, however, that the Reform congregation's nursery school and afternoon school were still functioning routinely, as was the synagogue.

And Weiss was confident that the Rodeph Shalom would continue to function since it was "created slowly and deliberately" and "a synagogue to me is never-ending."

As well, she noted, any future theoretical change to the synagogue's

status or any Reform synagogue's status needs the involvement of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Membership at the Rodeph Shalom, Weiss said, has seen no "growth" in recent years and stands at around 80 families, including 70 children enrolled in the nursery and 40 in the afternoon school.

A relatively recent arrival to the West Island, the four-year-old Conservative Adat Re'im Synagogue, has drawn away a "few" of the Rodeph Shalom's congregants but not an appreciable number, she said.

The most popular synagogue seeing steady growth has been the Orthodox Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

For his part, Rabbi Kaplan said it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the synagogue's situation since it's a "very delicate time for the congregation" and he did not want to influence the synagogue's future seeing that he was leaving.

But he did feel that his time as spiritual leader has "ultimately served to strengthen the congregation."

Another factor Kaplan mentioned for his leaving was the political uncertainty in the province. "I'm at a point in my life where I would like a sense of solid ground. There are questions about the future here."

He said he and his wife, Phyllis, would depart Montreal by the end of June even if the synagogue had not yet hired a successor.

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In Brief

Cuts in aid to olim triggers Knesset storm

From CJN wire services
SHEKEL DEVALUED

Israel's currency, the new shekel, was devalued by six per cent Sunday. One U.S. dollar now costs 2.5 shekels, up from 2.18 where the rate stood Friday.

TRAFFIC KILLS
MORE THAN SCUDS

Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky put Iraq's missile threat in perspective last week when he told a parliamentary debate on road safety that 40 people were killed in traffic accidents during the 42 days of the Gulf War while only one died from a direct Scud hit.

But Transport Minister Moshe Katsav responded that highway fatalities have been steadily declining from 510 in 1988 and 475 in 1989 to 433 in 1990.

U.S. APPROVES \$650
IN EMERGENCY AID

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday overwhelmingly approved \$650 million in emergency military aid to Israel.

EL AL STARTING
FLIGHTS TO PRAGUE

El Al will inaugurate weekly flights between Tel Aviv and Prague starting March 23, the Israeli carrier announced last week. The service will be conducted jointly with CSA, the Czech national airline.

El Al now has regular flights to Budapest, Bucharest, Warsaw and Berlin, in addition to its long-established routes to Western Europe and North America. Weekly flights to Moscow were begun Jan. 23.

ETHIOPIAN ALIYA

For the first time since the end of October, no Ethiopian immigrants arrived last week. Absorption officials attributed the halt in aliya to severe shortages of gasoline, water and electricity in Addis Ababa stemming from the war with Eritrean rebels.

An estimated 16,000 Jewish refugees are encamped in the Ethiopian capital waiting to be airlifted to Israel.

PROJECT GOLEM

A Tel Aviv attorney left Monday for Czechoslovakia in an effort to bring to Israel the remains of Rabbi Judah Loew (the Maharal of Prague), the famed 16th century creator of a golem. Alexandria Maharal wants her ancestor reburied in Kiryat Arba.

FIERY PROTEST

Gregory D. Levey, 30, died in Amherst, Mass. Feb. 18 after immolating himself to protest the Gulf War. He was the son of Robert Levey, restaurant critic for The Boston Globe, and stepson of Globe writer Ellen Goodman, whose syndicated column had appeared in The CJN for many years until being dropped in December.

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Sharp cuts in the "absorption basket" of cash aid to new immigrants has triggered a rebellion in the Knesset, where many members fear Soviet aliya will be reduced and that many olim already here will leave for greener pastures abroad.

The outcry cuts across party lines and is aimed primarily at the Treasury and the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Diaspora-funded body that pays a portion of immigrant absorption costs.

Knesset members have warned the Finance Ministry they will refuse to vote for the state budget next month if the government persists in its plans to substantially reduce its subsidies to immigrant families.

The cuts amount to a reduction of assistance to olim on the order of 50 per cent, aliya activists charge. Government officials dispute that figure.

The handout of about \$11,000 in cash and services to a newly arrived immigrant family of three has been reduced to \$7,000.

Moreover, the amount is no longer entirely a grant.

The Jewish Agency has converted its one-third share of the package to a loan, despite protests raised when the change was proposed at a Feb. 17 meeting of top government and Jewish Agency officials.

"It's all very well to criticize," Jewish Agency spokesman Gad Ben-Ari told irate Knesset members. "But if you propose not converting our part of the grants into loans, you have to propose where to cover the shortfall from."

"Should it come at the expense of Project Renewal, of Youth Aliya or settlement?" Ben-Ari asked, referring to other programs funded by the Jewish Agency. He warned that cutting from any of these areas "would be to court massive social unrest between olim and old-timers."

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i told rebellious Knesset members the government had no choice but to cut the immigrant subsidies.

"You are no more sensitive and solicitous than I," he was quoted as telling them. "But something has got to give," he stated flatly.

The furor in the Knesset was influenced in part by television coverage of immigrant families in difficult financial circumstances.

In addition to sharply reduced grants, their right to buy household appliances duty free has been withdrawn. The olim receive instead a flat grant of \$2,500 for the purpose. But the tax exemption is worth more than the additional cash in hand.

In addition, Soviet olim are hit as hard by inflation as established Israelis. While the consumer price index rose 17.6 per cent in 1990, housing costs were up by 31.6 per cent.

Although newcomers to

Israel are entitled to a \$38,000 state mortgage, few can carry the costs of a two-bedroom apartment, which averages \$65,000, especially in a shrinking job market.

Many highly educated Soviet Jews are finding it hard to get jobs in Israel, especially in the skills and professions for which they were trained.

The situation has led to a nightmare scenario of large-scale emigration of Soviet Jews from Israel and a diminished aliya.

Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz fears many potential olim are being deterred by Soviet television reports that make the cut-back of subsidies seem more drastic than they ac-

tually are.

At the same time, he said, lawyers have opened offices in Tel Aviv and Haifa to help and encourage Soviet olim to leave Israel for Germany,

Canada, South Africa and Australia, where opportunities are believed to abound.

According to Peretz, nearly 1,000 olim have already left.

That is an insignificant number compared to the 185,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in Israel last year, which Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called a "blessing."

But, Peretz warned, "every phenomenon starts with small numbers and then may spread."

Housing plan said to violate promise to U.S.

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Two opposition Knesset members accused the government last week of circumventing its commitment to Washington not to settle new immigrants in the territories.

According to Eli Ben-Menahem of the Labor Party and Charlie Biton, an independent aligned with Labor, the Housing Ministry plans to build new housing in the territories for residents of slum neighborhoods in Israel proper, whose homes would then become available for new immigrants.

The effect would be to increase the Jewish population of the territories, and that could put future peace talks in jeopardy, the Knesset members maintained at a news conference here.

The two charged that Housing Minister Ariel Sharon plans to build 24,000 housing units in the territories and designate them as a rehabilitation project for 90,000 residents of economically depressed neighborhoods.

They showed reporters a set of documents that they described as "the black book of Ariel Sharon."

According to the documents, his ministry plans 10,400 housing units in Ofarim; 1,700 in Alei-Zahav; 2,100 in Aynei-Hefetz; 2,100 in Ariel B; 2,800 in Bruchin; and 1,100 in Revava.

Sharon said the figures were "unfortunately" exaggerated and that the government is sticking to its pledge not to direct new immigrants to the territories.

The pledge was given to the United States as a condition for receiving U.S. guarantees enabling Israel to obtain \$400 million in commercial bank loans at favorable rates to build housing for Soviet immigrants.

The guarantees, approved by Congress last spring but held up by the Bush administration because of concerns about Israel's settlement policy, were finally released by the State Department on Feb. 20.

The latest accusations were made on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's departure on a visit to Israel and several Arab countries.

Baker is widely expected to press Israel to resume the peace process, which has been in hiatus since the Persian Gulf crisis erupted last August. But there is broad opposition in Likud to further territorial concessions by Israel.

The Labor Party also has its hawks. One of them, Knesset member Micha Goldman, charged in an article in Ma'ariv that Likud is prepared to trade the Golan Heights for the West Bank.

Goldman, who is close to former Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said the government is neglecting the Golan, which Israel annexed from Syria in 1980, and diverting budgets to "provocative settlements in Judea and Samaria."

He charged that Likud leaders "seem ready to promote negotiations with Syria at the expense of the Golan settlements, just as they did in Sinai during the negotiations with Egypt."



Ariel Sharon



Yitzhak Moda'i

Sharon resigns post as head of absorption

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon announced his resignation Sunday as chairman of the cabinet committee on immigration and absorption.

The outspoken Likud minister has been a constant critic of the government's failure to provide sufficient housing and jobs for immigrants from the Soviet Union.

His letter of resignation to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he could no longer assume responsibility for the mishandling of absorption problems and accused Shamir of not backing him sufficiently.

Sharon blamed in particular the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which he had formerly headed, for failing to create more jobs for immigrants.

He also blasted the recent decision to reduce the subsidy given immigrant families to tide them over their first year in Israel.

The handout of about \$11,000 in cash and services for a family of three has been reduced to \$7,000, a portion of it loans rather than outright grants.

Political analysts suggested Sharon was trying to distance himself from intractable absorption problems, which have captured public attention since the Persian Gulf War ended.

For example, Israel's largest newspaper, Yediot Achronot, published a photograph Sunday of new olim scavenging for leftover fruit and vegetables Friday just before Shabbat closing time at the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv.

There have also been poignant photos in recent days of immigrant families temporarily housed in cramped places such as a 12-foot-square bomb shelter in the town of Pardess Hanna.

Other observers linked Sharon's move to his conflict with Shamir on foreign policy issues.

But he resigned after the cabinet rejected his urgent demand to admit 10,000 foreign construction workers to supplement the local force, which is heavily dependent on Arab labor from the territories.

Several ministers were appalled by the idea of admitting foreign workers when there is double-digit unemployment in Israel.

One of the most vociferous opponents was Menachem Porush of the Agudat Yisrael party, who runs the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry with the title of deputy minister.

The cabinet finally accepted a compromise proposed by Shamir to allow 5,000 foreign workers into the country on condition that the construction industry hires one local worker for each foreigner.

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Canada

Palestinian gets life sentence for death of Toronto teenager

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Yasser Hijazi, a member of Hamas, a radical Palestinian faction, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the bombing death last summer of Willowdale teenager Marnie Kimelman.

Hijazi was found guilty by an Israeli military court of planting a bomb on a crowded Tel Aviv beach. Shrapnel from the blast hit Kimelman, and she died in hospital after desperate attempts to save her life.

He received the harshest sentence possible. Israel does not use the death penalty except for Nazi war crimes.

The 23-year-old resident of the village of Mazraa a-Sharkiya, about 30 kilometres north of Jerusalem in the West Bank, said he was "proud" of the sentence, and that "it was a great honor."

Kimelman, 17, was a student at York Mills Collegiate. She was in Israel on a tour sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federa-



Marnie Kimelman

tion and the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization.

"As a family, we feel a little bit better knowing the harshest possible sentence has been carried out, and knowing Marnie's killer is no longer wandering around," said her father, Dr. Harold Kimelman.

"Nothing will ease our pain, but we do feel grateful Israeli authorities found the culprit and brought him to justice."

He also paid tribute to new Israeli Ambassador to Canada Yitzhak Shelef

and Consul-General Benjamin Abileah for the work they did on the case.

Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said he was "glad that the murderer of Marnie Kimelman has been brought to justice."

"We hope that ultimately the hatred which the PLO and their supporters show for Israel will make room for better feelings and an ultimate peace."

Les Scheininger, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that "we are gratified that the Israeli police force and its system of justice has not only apprehended this criminal, but he has been found guilty and sentenced for his heinous crime."

"It would be our prayer that others like him who contemplate further terrorist acts learn a lesson that Israeli society, its authorities and its judicial system will not tolerate such crimes."

Moshe Ronen, chairman of the national executive of CJC, said that while the trial and sentencing give some comfort in the sense that

justice has been done, "unfortunately, the family has been sentenced to a life of pain, because of the death of their daughter."

"Marnie died for the state and the people of Israel. We hope that her untimely death may help the world see what we Jews and the state of Israel have been saying all along: that we are not able to live in our own land, or even visit it safely as tourists the way anyone else could expect to in any other part of the world."

B'nai Brith Canada international affairs chairman Brian Morris said that while he is pleased that the culprit has been found, tried and convicted, he is "perturbed that Hijazi considered the sentence a badge of honor for killing an innocent victim."

"It is frightening that religion can be used to get someone to commit murder without ethical qualms."

"Obviously, he didn't see her as a human being. If they [the Palestinians] don't see Jews as human beings, how can they take part in the peace process?"

Apparent suicide investigated

RCMP looks into Nazi's death

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The RCMP have reopened an investigation into the apparent suicide 30 years ago of an alleged Estonian Nazi living in Winnipeg.

The new investigation was requested by the provincial attorney-general's department following an article on the case last winter in the Winnipeg Free Press and a subsequent letter by a member of the public to the attorney-general asking that this possible murder be investigated in light of the war crimes prosecutions

taking place in the country.

Alexander Laak was found hanging in his garage on Sept. 6, 1960, according to Sgt. Wes Border of the RCMP's general investigation section looking into the matter, following newspaper reports that the Soviet Union was alleging he was a Nazi collaborator.

The Winnipeg police investigated his death at the time. A coroner's inquest headed by Dr. I. O. Fryer, then the province's chief medical officer, ruled the death an apparent suicide and the case was closed.

In the early 1970s, an author named Michael Elkins published a book called *Forged in Fury* in which he described how an

Israeli agent named Arnie Berg came to Winnipeg from South America and gave Laak the choice of committing suicide or having himself and his wife killed by Berg.

Last February, Winnipeg Free Press reporter Dave Roberts wrote a story on the case with reference to Elkin's report. (Roberts, in the Middle East, is unavailable for comment.)

The article also led to the attack on retired journalist Keith Rutherford by a couple of skinheads in Alberta last year. The skinheads claimed they were paying him back for exposing Laak. One claimed to be Laak's son but there is no report of any family.

Sgt. Border isn't op-

timistic the GIS investigation will turn up anything. "Thirty years is a long time," he says. "People are dead. Reports are no longer available to us. We're playing catch-up."

He reports contacts have been made with the war crimes investigation unit in Ottawa to check their information on Estonian war crimes and with Israel to find out if Elkin's book was fact or fiction.

"We're waiting to hear back to see if we should look into this more seriously," he says. "With everything going on in the Middle East and considering this is 30 years old, I don't expect this matter will be pushed to the forefront. It's a case that will not be easy to investigate."

B.C. campaign targets violence against women

VICTORIA —

A provincial government campaign to counter violence against women has been launched by Carol Gran, minister responsible for women's programs.

The program includes \$150,000 in one-time grants to community groups to fund projects related to sexual assault, family violence and sexual harassment. The campaign will be backed up by television, radio and print advertising and information brochures.

Gran said "this campaign to counter violence is a basic and important first step towards building stable family units." One objective is to let women, who are victims of assault or abuse, know there are services available and people who can help.

The ad campaign lists the 1-800-VICTIMS information line as a contact for women who are victims of violence.

A second aim is to inform all British Columbians that violence against women is a crime and punishable under the Criminal Code of Canada. "Wife abuse isn't just a family matter... it, too, is a form of assault and a crime," Gran said.

The minister said B.C. women identified personal safety as a major concern during her province-wide consultation tour last year. The Advisory Council on Community-based Programs for Women also raised violence against women as a "critical issue" requiring immediate attention.

Okanagan area JCC planned for Kelowna

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

Rabbi Emil Klein, spiritual leader of the Okanagan area community, will turn the first sod to launch the building of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre which will be based in Kelowna.

The building will be located in the new North Glenmore residential area, at the corner of Union Road and Glenmore Road.

Bob Levin, the building chairman, who will preside at the groundbreaking ceremony, to be held on March 17, told The CJN that Al Horning, MP for the area, as well as Cliff Scrwa and Larry Chalmers, the local MLAs, have been invited to take part; also Alderman Ben Lee, who will represent the city. An invitation has been sent to Provincial Secretary Howard Dirks, whose department administers the provincial lottery which is contributing \$163,000 to the project.

In all, some 250 invitations have been sent out for the event, includ-

ing members of the Pacific Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress and members of the CJC national executive.

Levin said it is hoped to have the centre ready in time for the High Holidays in September. In all, the project will cost about \$400,000 and Levin said that by the time the centre opens all but \$90,000 will have been committed. The balance will be raised through fund-raising drives over the next two years.

Following the ceremony, Levin and community leader Mel Kotler will host a reception at the Coast Royal Anne Hotel.

Levin said the centre will have a day care facility to accommodate about 25 children for residents in the area and will be open for rental of the hall facility.

Mel Kotler is the campaign chairman and Madeline Dedles is president of the Okanagan Jewish Community Association. There are about 40 families in the association which covers Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon, Summerfield and other communities in the B.C. interior.



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UIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The annual leadership institute of the National Women's Division of the United Israel Appeal of Canada took place recently in Vancouver, Jan. 26-28. Chaired by Sheila Engel of Toronto, UIA Women's division chairman, the institute was attended by 80 women leaders from communities across the country, including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, St. Catharines, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and the host community of Vancouver. In this photo, Sheila Engel (right) presents a special award to Carol Oreck, chairman of Vancouver host committee. At left is Walter Hess, executive vice-president of UIA of Canada. [Robert Edel photo]

Mohammad hearing adjourned

HAMILTON —

An immigration hearing to determine whether former Palestinian terrorist Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad qualifies as a refugee has been adjourned until March 26.

One further day is required before completion of the initial "credibility" phase of the refugee-determination process, said Immigration Canada spokesman Milton Best. The case was adjourned recently after two days of hearings, much of which was taken up by "legal

wrangling," he added.

Mohammad, a former member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, has claimed refugee status — alleging he faces persecution if deported.

Mohammad, 47, was convicted in 1970 of carrying out an attack on an El Al airliner in Athens in 1968. He was eventually released in a prisoner swap and in 1987, he slipped into Canada despite notification by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to immigration officials at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

He was ordered deported in December, 1988, but

was allowed to stay pending the outcome of his refugee claim.

The refugee hearing was ordered closed by adjudicator Joe Kenney after Mohammad's lawyer, Marlys Edwardh, argued that evidence revealed in the case could endanger Mohammad and his family. The move was challenged by the Toronto Star, the Hamilton Spectator and CBC, but the Federal Court rejected their arguments. An appeal is pending.

The recent, uncompleted hearing represents the initial stage in the refugee-determination process. To obtain refugee status, Mo-

hammad must first show a credible basis exists to believe he comes within the definition of a refugee.

Should he succeed in convincing one person on the two-man panel, a second, full hearing will be held before two members of the Immigration and Refugee Board. Only one of them need be convinced of the merits of his claim to grant him standing as a refugee, leading eventually to landed immigrant status.

Should he fail, Mohammad could appeal to the Federal Court on matters of alleged errors of fact and law, but not on the merits of the case.

Pawlowski case delayed due to crown action

By
PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

The Michael Pawlowski war crimes case has run into further delays.

Following a brief hearing last week, Judge James Chadwick of the Ontario Court of Justice set June 10 as the date he will consider legal arguments over the gathering of evidence in the Soviet Union and Germany.

The move came about two weeks after Crown lawyers filed a new, "fresh as amended" application for the rogatory commission that would authorize the evidence-gathering trip, said Eric Vernon, director of the Ottawa office of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Vernon, who is monitoring the case, said prosecutors have added three new witnesses to its list of 15 Soviet-based witnesses it wishes to give evidence. Two of the three reside in the Soviet Union, one in Germany.

As a result of the application, defence lawyer Donald Bayne has asked for more time to prepare his case, Vernon said.

The postponement of the legal argument until June is a further delay in a case which is already more than one year old. On Dec. 15, 1989, Pawlowski was charged with eight counts of war crimes and crimes

against humanity. The Crown alleges that Pawlowski, 72, murdered 410 Jews and 80 Poles in Nazi-occupied Byelorussia in a number of incidents in 1942.

The trial has been delayed as a result of Bayne's successful opposition to the Crown's previous applications to gather evidence in the Soviet Union.

evidence may be unreliable because of possible interference by Soviet authorities, that it would be unfair to have his client undergo a virtual television trial and that not every avenue has been taken to convince the Soviets to travel to Canada to testify.

The court agreed with Bayne, leading to the Crown's new application which seeks to meet the court's concerns.

One week of court time has been set aside in June for the legal arguments.

Vernon said the Crown has added a new wrinkle to its case. The prosecution has said it would submit an affidavit from an unnamed University of Toronto professor who is an expert on the Soviet legal system to counter defence claims that evidence emanating from that country is tainted and unreliable.

In other developments, Chadwick turned down a Crown request that he remove himself from the case. The prosecution had argued that by already ruling on the application to take evidence abroad, there could conceivably be an apprehension that the judge's mind was made up. Chadwick ruled that the Crown's application should have been made much earlier, said Ian Kagedan, who is monitoring the case for B'nai Brith Canada.

Zionist leader honored

MONTREAL —

A project is underway to honor the memory of the late Zionist leader Ben Milner, through the establishment of a synagogue in Eilat, Israel.

A committee has been formed under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund's new program, Operation Promised Land.

"Through this program, JNF is literally 'breaking ground' to develop an entire new neighborhood in Eilat for the absorption of thousands of Soviet olim now arriving in Israel," said JNF Jerusalem emissary Col. Avner Ilina. "The JNF of Canada has agreed to prepare the land and infrastructure for a new synagogue, which will bear the name of Ben Milner as a lasting and fitting tribute."

Milner, who passed away in December, was a long-time leader of Herut-Hatzohar, the Zionist Revisionist movement in Canada, and a friend of Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir.

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Now that the Gulf War is over, the Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (JWCEOWBG) has ended its peace vigil in front of the American Consulate here and resumed picketing once a month in front of the Israeli Consulate. Twelve women stood outside the Bloor Street West office tower Thursday chanting "Two, four, six, eight — it's time to negotiate." Spokesman Shlomit Segal said she is cautiously optimistic the American current Mid-East initiative may achieve a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (Alron photo)

Supporters honor Barrett

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

The first and only Jewish premier of any province in Canada was honored at a dinner here recently by his constituents and NDP friends on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his entry into politics.

Dave Barrett, premier of British Columbia from 1972 to 1975, is now MP for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca. He tried to gain leadership of the national NDP last year but was knocked out by Audrey McLaughlin in a close race.

Barrett bypassed the usual political route of school board, city council

and then legislature. He was elected to the B.C. legislature in 1961 in a constituency near Vancouver — the first Jew to be elected to the legislature since 1880.

Victory in 1972

He took over the party leadership (it was the CCF then before becoming the NDP) a couple of years after his election and in 1972 led his party to victory over long-time Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett. But it was a short-term victory and the party lost the election of 1975.

Barrett quit politics and

for several years was host of an open line radio show in Vancouver. Later he lectured on politics and socialized medicine at Harvard and at McGill universities.

He took another crack at politics in the 1988 federal election and despite the Mulroney sweep, he won in his home town of Esquimalt, a Victoria suburb where he resides when he is not in Ottawa.

A former social worker, Barrett was at one time the executive director of the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver. Although not active in the Jewish community now, Barrett said he doesn't hide the fact that he's Jewish and is a strong supporter of the Histadrut in Israel.

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Hadassah accepts int'l ties

MONTREAL —

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has accepted the responsibility to serve as the representative of Hadassah International in Canada.

The affiliation, effective immediately, links the largest Jewish organization in Canada with the existing Hadassah International network of chapters in 20 countries on four continents.

The announcement heralding the historic association of the two bodies was announced by Bernice Tannenbaum, co-ordinator of Hadassah International to the Hadassah mid-winter conference, and by Esther Matlow, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, at its national headquarters in Montreal.

Naomi Frankenburg, the immediate past president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has been appointed co-ordinator of the Hadassah Hospital project, which was ratified by the membership of the Canadian organization at their national convention on Nov. 18, 1990.

Ruth Popkin is the chairman in the United States of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), which benefits from the support of the Hadassah International network.

In acknowledging the unprecedented union, Carmela Kalmanson, national president of Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America, expressed "deep appreciation for the vision and understanding of the Canadian organization in associating themselves with Hadassah International and its important work in the fields of healing, teaching and research."

Hadassah International's major role is to support the

many facets of Hadassah's medical work in Israel and abroad and to foster special relationships between Hadassah and scientific institutions in the respective countries all over the world where Hadassah now has a presence.

Hadassah International was founded six years ago to promote international co-operation in public health education, research and training and to channel financial and volunteer support to the HMO from countries outside the United States.

Matlow commented that "Over the past 56 years we have been helping to meet the medical needs of the citizens of Israel through our support of the Asaf Harofe Hospital in Zerifin. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is aware of the important contribution of the Hadassah Hospital in the medical field through its ongoing patient care, and its medical research programs. As a sign of recognition for these efforts, we have agreed to become the sole representative of Hadassah International and Hadassah Hospital in Canada."

The official launching in Canada will take place at the National Executive meeting in Toronto on Sunday, April 14.

The affiliation marks a departure in organization for Hadassah International. Prior chapters in 20 countries were developed "from scratch" from a network of interested individuals in the medical, scientific and academic communities as well as from the lay community at large.

The union will bring to Canada the latest information on developments in healing, teaching and research in the Hadassah Medical Organization,

which encompasses the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre at Ein Karem, the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus and five schools of higher education conducted jointly with Hebrew University. Current HMO research and training programs involve individuals and institutions in 64 countries worldwide.

The first step in Canada's commitment to Hadassah International was the visit of a delegation to Ein Karem where they met with Dr. Samuel Penchas, director-general of HMO, and key medical personnel to obtain an in-depth view of the work of the centre. Natalie Gordon, Hadassah

International liaison in Israel, is in charge of these special arrangements.

Tannenbaum told its assembled Hadassah delegates that "we have not only added another country to our Hadassah International network, but also a singularly distinguished organization that has existed for over 70 years."

"I look forward to the Sixth Annual Congress of Hadassah International which will take place in Jerusalem July 22-25, concurrent with Hadassah's 77th National Convention. At that time it will be an honor to present the newest entity in our growing international family to delegates from four continents."

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Aliya increases as Gulf War ends

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The pace of aliya from the Soviet Union picked up quickly as the fighting ended in the Persian Gulf.

During the final five days of February, about 500 Soviet immigrants per day arrived in Israel, about twice the daily rate during the first five weeks of the war.

But war jitters brought the monthly immigration total for February down to 7,164 Soviet Jews, according to the Jewish Agency for Israel. That is just over half the number of Soviet Jews who arrived in January and not even a fourth of the record 35,000 who arrived in December.

Concern about the Iraqi missile attacks on Israel, however, did not deter a large number of Ethiopian Jews from immigrating last month. Aliya from Ethiopia totaled 1,100, the highest rate since the end of Operation Moses six years ago.

Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz said Soviet aliya should increase gradually during the next few weeks, reaching its prewar pace in about a month.

In the immigrant transit station in Bucharest, Romania, about 10 times



Simcha Dinitz

more immigrants arrived last week than the number that came during the war.

Almost all of the Soviet Jews going through Bucharest to Israel arrive by train. Arrangements to leave by train can be made much more quickly than flight arrangements.

300,000 expected

According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in New York, February's immigration figures bring Soviet Jewish aliya for 1991 so far to

20,524. The Jewish Agency and the Israeli government expect some 300,000 Soviet Jews to arrive by the end of the year.

Concern arose last month among officials in the Jewish Agency and the government about "leaks" in the emigration pipeline that brings most Soviet Jews to Israel.

What appears to have been an attempt to reopen the Vienna route for "dropouts" was nipped in the bud by the Austrian authorities.

During the 1970s and 1980s, close to 150,000 "dropouts" left the Soviet Union with visas to Israel, but changed their destination once they reached Vienna.

Last month, some 20 families of Soviet Jews with exit visas to Israel sought permission from Austria to stay temporarily in Vienna until the war footing ended in Israel.

The Austrian Embassy in Moscow, suspecting that the emigrants were would-be dropouts, rejected their request. The Austrians, like other Western European nations, are fearful of creating precedents of any kind that would encourage immigration of Soviet citizens, Jews or non-Jews,

to their countries.

Jewish Agency leaders at first blamed the New York-based Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society for organizing the Vienna initiative, but HIAS strenuously denied the accusation.

Annual ceiling

HIAS assists Jews who wish to immigrate to the United States, including those from the Soviet Union. A maximum of 40,000 Soviet Jews will be allowed to immigrate to the United States this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

HIAS reported that 1,713 Soviet Jews immigrated to the United States last month, up from 1,300 in January.

While HIAS is committed to sticking with the annual ceiling of 40,000 Soviet Jews, the Washington-based Union of Councils for Soviet Jews has proposed accelerating the immigration of those who have already applied to come to the United States.

Citing deteriorating con-

ditions for Jews in the Soviet Union, the Union of Councils wants to launch an emergency "evacuation" of between 150,000 to 200,000 Soviet Jews to America and other countries.

Immigration authorities in Israel are upset at the proposal, maintaining that it will persuade Soviet Jews who have decided to make aliya to apply for U.S. entry visas instead.

Israeli officials stress that the transit stations in Eastern Europe can now handle up to 50,000 immigrants a month and will soon be expanded to a capacity of 70,000 a month. That, they say, should allow all who want to leave to do so speedily.

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Jewish Agency seeks to protect olim from "unscrupulous" lawyers

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A Jewish Agency official urged legal action last week against "unscrupulous" lawyers who are offering to help Soviet immigrants in financial distress leave Israel for other countries.

Uri Gordon, chairman of the agency's immigration and absorption department, said he had planned a quiet and thorough investigation into the phenomenon. But it was prematurely disclosed by Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz in a Knesset speech in which he revealed information he had received from Gordon.

Peretz, stressing the urgency of the problem,

claimed that 1,000 olim have already availed themselves of the services of such lawyers, who have set up shop in Tel Aviv and Haifa. They offer to arrange immigration to Canada, South Africa, Germany and Australia, where they promise jobs will be waiting.

Many Soviet olim are having trouble finding jobs, especially in the professions for which they were trained. Gordon accused the lawyers of "unscrupulous exploitation" of their difficulties.

According to Interior Ministry figures reported by Ha'aretz, only 500 olim



Yitzhak Peretz

left Israel in the past year and have not returned. Another 500 left but records show they did return, the report said.

Gordon announced, meanwhile, that initial applications have been received for nearly 63,000 Soviet Jews since the beginning of the year, despite the Persian Gulf War.

He said 411,507 family applications were received during all of 1990, representing 1,159,827 Soviet Jews. So far in 1991, there have been 25,800 family applications, representing 62,822 Jews.

Although the rate of arrivals slowed down during the recent hostilities, Gordon predicted it would return to the prewar level by next month.

He noted that the Hungarian airline, Malev, has resumed flights suspended when the war started and that Lot, the Polish airline, planned to return to Tel Aviv on March 20.

Because the Soviet authorities do not permit direct immigrant flights to Israel, Soviet olim must change planes at various Eastern European capitals.

El Al, the Israeli airline, has been flying throughout the emergency. Now the various other national carriers are resuming service from Budapest and Warsaw.

Soviet Jews who postponed their travel plans because of the war are now ready to go, Gordon said. He predicted a gradual increase of aliya to the prewar rate.

Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz predicted last week that 300,000 Soviet Jews would immigrate to Israel this year. To date, the figure is 21,745.

ICRF launches program to aid Soviet scientists

NEW YORK —

For the first time, the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) will have emigre Soviet scientists among those applying for 1991-92 research grants, to be reviewed March 17-19 by the ICRF Scientific Review Panel in New York City.

In response to the growing influx of Russian professionals now seeking employment in Israel, ICRF has established a new "Soviet Scientist Transition Program" to assist in the training and/or retraining of Soviet scientists who emigrate to Israel.

ICRF has set aside \$300,000 to make an anticipated 10 grant awards to worthy Russian scientists. Support will be available either as a full two-year fellowship of \$18,000 a year or as a research support for laboratories that need supplemental

funding.

By January 1991, ICRF had already received 14 grant applications under this new program — increasing the total number of grant applications from all sources by 20 per cent from last year.

Available in New York, March 17-19 to discuss this innovative program will be geneticist M. S. Hodes, M.D. of Indiana University School of Medicine who is chairman of the International Scientific Council of ICRF; and Mark Wainberg, PhD, director of AIDS Research at Montreal's McGill University who is chairman of ICRF's Canadian Scientific Advisory Board.

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Israel

Palestinians get top marks for cultivating Western press

By
GIL KEZWER
TORONTO —

Israel suffers from a "lack of media smarts" while the Palestinians have become adroit at dealing with the foreign press, says an up and coming talent in the Canadian movie industry who recently completed shooting a feature film about the intifada.

"The Palestinians have come of age politically. They have learned to cultivate the Western press. They have learned how to make their front-page visibility work for them," Jane Logan told a breakfast meeting at Congregation Habonim here last week.

Short of achieving a political solution, "Israel either has to learn to manipulate this large amount of foreign press or close off access (to the West Bank and Gaza)," the director of the Canadian Independent Film Caucus in Toronto advised.

Citing media restrictions imposed by the Americans during the Gulf War and the British in the 1982 Falkland Islands conflict, and the limited freedom of the press in the Arab world, Logan said half measures cannot succeed in limiting damaging coverage.

Having had unprecedented access to film in military courts — thanks to a sympathetic judge, as well as inside prisons and on patrol with Israel Defence Force units in Nablus — with special permission from IDF spokesman Brig. Gen. Nachman Shai, she ob-

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served the whole picture is usually not that bad.

"Either give full access and make sure the media hear your side of the story or don't give any access at all," she suggested.

"No access would cause a general outcry. But that would also get very boring. They're certainly not going to start publishing blank columns where reports would have been."

Logan, who has an MA in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, worked in Israel for six months in 1989 and three months last year as the production manager of *Deadly Currents*.

Produced and directed by Simcha Jacobovici, the documentary will be released by Cineplex Odeon this spring.

Illustrating Israel's inept handling of the foreign press, Logan said it took the Israel Government Press Office in Jerusalem three weeks to issue her film crew press passes, and that was only after she resorted to *proteksia* from the Israeli consulate here.

"We almost had the feeling that our efforts to film in Israel were being sabotaged."

In contrast, the Arab Journalists Association — whose documents have no legal authority — gracious-

ly provided them with identification within 24 hours, she reported.

Ironically, the passes of the AJA — which she described as a hole-in-the-wall operation on Salah ad-Din Street in East Jerusalem — only became popular with Western newsmen in the spring of 1989 when Shin Bet agents were discovered posing as CBS correspondents while engaged in counter-insurgency operations in the West Bank.

Logan also recommended Israel's military administration post orders forbidding foreign journalists from staying at the Marna House and Cliff Hotel in Gaza City, which she termed venues for PLO propaganda.

Cultural differences partly explain Israel's media shortcomings and the Palestinians successes, she said.

"Israel doesn't want to make a spectacle of its wounded. The Palestinians do."

While agreeing Israel receives disproportionate news coverage — "Jews are news" goes an old press adage — Logan dismissed the notion that the media is anti-Semitic.

Iraq's Scud missile barrage has once again made Israel a media darling, she concluded.

"The events of the last few months prove the media is very fickle."

But, she warned, "the notion that Israel is the underdog can change overnight."

Retaliation still possible

Syria seen as threat to Israel

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Defeat of Saddam Hussein does not necessarily mean peace for Israel, according to Dan Schueftan, a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Institute of Hebrew University.

In a radio interview Schueftan said Syria is an immediate threat with its hundreds of missiles, chemical warfare ability and biological weapons. Its proximity to Israel does not even give Israelis four minutes to take cover in case of attack.

Because of this, there must be some form of retaliation against Iraq for the Scud attacks because Syria must not get the impression that Israel is weak. He said that if there is a perception that the United States is around to protect Israel, the Syrians will not attack.

But if there is no American presence in the area, the Syrians and a united Arab army could attempt to fight Israel and another Holocaust could follow.

The Arab mentality is such, he said, that if one Arab country perceives its neighbor to be weak, it will

attack it. This is what happened with Kuwait and Iran.

An expert on Middle East affairs, Schueftan was in Vancouver to serve as scholar-in-residence for Hillel Week and spoke also at a rally at Temple Shalom under auspices of the Coalition Task Force for the Persian Gulf Crisis. Rosalind Kirby presided at the rally.

Asked if there will now be peace in the Middle East, Schueftan said it depends on how peace is defined and if it is defined on Western terms. He noted that Iraq was at peace with Kuwait and Iran but that did not stop Saddam from attacking them. He said the attacks could be compared to Sir Edmund Hillary, who climbed Mount Everest because "it was there." Kuwait and Iran "were there."

He claimed that Arab nations are rarely at peace with each other so there was not much hope they would seek to make peace with Israel.

Schueftan said the Arabs have been at war with the Jews for 70 years and despite repeated attempts to come to an understanding, they have always rejected

them. When Hitler came into power the Arabs made a deal with him to kill the Jews of Europe while they would kill the Jews in Palestine. And they are still trying to do this in Israel.

He said criticism of the way Israel is handling the intifada was unjustified because most people outside of Israel do not know the facts. The Palestinians, he said, are trying to kill Jews with Molotov cocktails and roam the streets with knives, stabbing Israeli civilians.

"What we have is a war being waged against us," he said, "and we cannot respond by throwing flowers at them." The Palestinians, he continued, "cannot have a knife in one hand and yell — 'hey, our human rights are being violated.'"

Schueftan had praise for U.S. President George Bush for acting so decisively in wiping out the Iraqi threat but he was critical of him for arming Saddam before the war and expressed concern that he might now arm Syria.

He cautioned against the United States trying to install a democratic form of government in Iraq be-

cause, he said, Arabs do not know what democracy is and have no idea of how it works. The objective for the future of the Arabs must be "more modest," he said, but he did not elaborate.

Schueftan wants Saddam tried for crimes against humanity. He wants him punished and humiliated and branded as an international criminal. This could deter other Arabs from acting as Saddam did.

Above all, Saddam cannot be permitted to continue as ruler of Iraq. This would give Syria a signal to go ahead and start the "next war."

Earlier, at the community rally, Schueftan, who is a supporter of the Labor Party, said some territorial compromise is required in dealing with the Palestinian problem. There could be a demilitarized zone, run by a non-radical government, and this might best serve the interests of Israel.

The job at hand, however, is to settle the thousands of Soviet Jews who are pouring into Israel. Operation Exodus is the best example of Zionism at work, he said.



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Front Line

Israeli public appears prepared for war's aftermath

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

ANALYSIS

The mood in Israel is serene in this lull of the war, but many questions remain unanswered. The weeks of the war were long and the Scud-nights were nerve-racking. Furthermore, the information-hungry Israeli had to endure the incessant onslaught of confusing "expert"-opinion, seldom free of alarmist speculations.

Israeli media were not very different from their Western counterparts. All overestimated the fighting potential of the well-armed Iraqis as well as the human cost of allied victory. There was also preoccupation with the durability of the anti-Iraqi coalition.

While in the West wrong assessments were here and there inspired by anti-Americanism or by fascination with the Arab myth, the Israeli public had to cope with a different type of "mavens" (a juicy expression I imported from Canada), namely, frustrated politicians, worn-out generals and gloomy commentators who advised the Americans on the conduct of the war, while others suggested direct Israeli military intervention "to annihilate the Scuds."

For the sake of justice it must be added

that a number of outstanding journalists — and also a small group of scholars and political commentators — were absolutely brilliant in their unbiased contributions to clarity, and realistically recommended not to intervene, to better let the allies do the job without further complicating their task.

This issue of non-intervention became a major test for Israeli public opinion, it was passed, although the provocations of the Iraqi regime were unprecedented and extremely hard to digest.

But every thinking Israeli understood too well that a direct Israeli response would only help the Iraqi dictator in the design to deviate the course of the war. The average Israeli also realized the human costs of an Israeli intervention, which, in any case, would have neither fully eliminated the missile threat nor meaningfully affected the course of the massive campaign waged by a determined American president against the Iraqi megalomaniac.

These healthy considerations made the local public immune against the preachers of intervention, helped the Americans to win the war, gave Israel some high marks, but left a bitter aftertaste. Such restraint had no precedent in Israel's military history and doctrine, but it was the right and only thing

to do.

And now, Israelis must get ready to confront the political aftermath of this war. They seem to be readier than most politicians who, with very few exceptions, do not rise above their narrow party-political perspectives and have so far produced very little new and updated thinking.

If we agree that the crushing victory over Iraq has created a new political situation and if we also hope that within it, new opportunities to tackle the Arab-Israeli issue are emerging, let us leave Israeli politicians alone for the moment and look at the matter from the U.S. perspective.

The Americans have many problems to handle in this area, not just the difficult Arab-Israeli issue, which is important and urgent. The whole region badly needs an overhaul. Not much can be reliably accomplished while Saddam Hussein is still around (not for long, so it seems) and before the magnitude of his defeat is properly understood by the excited Arab masses everywhere, for whom the ruler of Baghdad was, like Nasser before him, the personification of pride, hope and emancipation. But a start must be made right now. Cautiously, but decisively.

If so, there are still unanswered questions.

Here are some:

— Can the brilliant quality of U.S. technology, which performed so well, now be matched by a similar quality of diplomacy? It is a fact that America had to go to war because its prewar intelligence and diplomacy had failed. True, American diplomacy between August and January was a masterpiece of skilful and meticulous preparation. Which of the two diplomatic episodes will be repeated?

— Will a skilful U.S. diplomacy manage to offer Israel a convincing itinerary for a settlement, one that accompanied by lasting agreements and iron-clad guarantees, will induce Israel to take risks?

— Has this war altered Arab intentions and will there be a positive Arab response to opportunities offered by an American-Israeli understanding, if such an understanding can in fact be reached?

— Will coercion be needed and can it be practised in either direction? And if so, will it work?

There are many more unanswered questions. But even the ones mentioned suffice to explain the curious hangover that affects the mood in Israel, despite the immense relief over Saddam's crushing defeat, on Purim 5751.

OPINION

Soviet liberals attempting to shape country's future

By
STEPHEN SESTANOVICH

Soviet liberals are far from crushed. This was evident last week, when Mikhail Gorbachev allowed Boris Yeltsin's supporters to rally in Moscow and demand Gorbachev's resignation.

A few days earlier Yeltsin had gone on national television to denounce him and make the same demand.

Last month, after the Soviet leader allowed military units to go on a murderous rampage in Lithuania and Latvia, he pulled back from his threat to close down Baltic parliaments.

What kind of crackdown is this? Clearly, one that is different from its predecessors in the Communist world.

Gorbachev's campaign of repression has been carried out in the same slow motion he used as a reformer. His pace is not merely a style but a strategy: He tries never to give opponents a clear target, and if he meets unexpected resistance he retreats to fight another day.

The result is that liberals have a breathing space to regroup and many opportunities to challenge

Gorbachev in the new political season.

They are mobilizing supporters and trying to turn events, such as the referendum March 17 on the future of the Union, to their advantage.

That Gorbachev has not arrested opponents does not mean he is not trying to weaken them. He has vigorously, but not wholly successfully, assaulted liberal strongholds in the media.

When Izvestia's deputy editor was to be removed for criticizing Gorbachev, the staff rallied and threatened to strike.

And when the Russian republic's radio network was deprived of some frequencies, Yeltsin supporters accelerated plans to create an independent republic TV network.

Yet salvaging the freedom to criticize, organize and agitate may be the easy half of the liberals' problem. The tougher half is to devise a strategy that enables them to shape the Soviet Union's future. Without a strategy they may end up cherishing their democratic ideals in isolation.

The opposition is making progress in three crucial areas.

The first concerns the structure of political institutions. The soviets or legislative councils (which gave the system its name) — local, republic, national — have never had any power. When

opposition candidates were elected to them last year, they acquired little real control over anything.

Now liberals are insisting that the Soviets be junked. In their place Gavril Popov, chairman of the Moscow soviet, is pushing for a full overhaul of municipal government along Western lines.

Similarly, Yeltsin proposes to create a popularly elected presidency of the Russian republic to replace his position as chairman of the republic's soviet.

This is not just a gimmick to highlight Gorbachev's fear of facing the voters. Yeltsin wants to strengthen elected officials in dealing with the unelected party functionaries still trying to run the country.

Second, liberals are moving to develop a distinctive approach to the ethnic crisis. They say no formula imposed from the top down will prove workable. To hold the country together means negotiating new political relations from the bottom up. At Yeltsin's initiative the presidents of Russia, Kazakhstan, the Ukraine and Byelorussia have signed an economic agreement and are expanding it into a plan for political federation.

It is likely to become a potent alternative to Gorbachev's Union treaty, which Yeltsin has

derided as having no takers.

Third, the opposition is rethinking its view of Gorbachev. They see that remaining undecided about the father of perestroika is to play his game of political ambiguity. The real significance of Yeltsin's TV attack on Gorbachev was that it cast him as the defender of the old order.

Stanislav Shatalin, author of the now-defunct "500 days" economic reform plan and still a Central Committee member, recently called this hope futile. Anyone trying to organize such a faction, he said, "will be immediately strangled."

Another disillusioned Gorbachev supporter, Fyodor Burlatsky, chairman of the Soviet Parliament's human rights commission, says that "the revolution of the dilettantes is over."

Burlatsky has not yet decided which side he is on and may never do so, but he acknowledges that the revolution will not be won by trying to be all things to all people.

The emerging line of division in Soviet politics is between those who understand this and those who do not.

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North American Jewry ready to fill in empty margins

By
ARNOLD AGES

COMMENTARY

More than 30 years ago when I began my graduate education it was very fashionable among certain circles to deprecate the the scholarly accomplishments of Jews in North America.

A prominent speaker of the day expressed that point of view dramatically when he asked his audience (of which I was a member) to consider the pages of a good Jewish Bible commentary. In the middle of the page, he observed, you will find the text of the Torah. The text is surrounded by the great Jewish scholars of the past.

Rashi, he indicated, was the contribution of French Jewry of the 11th century. Ibn Ezra was 12th-century Spanish Jewry's gift to learning. David Kimchi was Provence's contribution to Biblical exegesis in the 13th century. Nachmanides brought the 13th-century wisdom of Gerona and Calabria to Torah studies. Seforno represented Italy's 16th-century collaboration in the vineyards of Torah.

The speaker went on to mention the other great Torah commentators who are found in various other editions of the Bible: Moses

Alshekh from Safed in the 16th century, the Czech sage Rabbi Yeshayah Horowitz, the Or Hachaim from Morocco in the 18th century, the Gaon of Vilna from the same period, and the Chatam Sofer from Germany and Hungary in the 19th century.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the noted lecturer, "I now invite you to look at the outer margins of this page of Torah commentary. It is empty. It is the contribution of North American Jewry."

It may be premature and presumptuous even after a removal of some 35 years since the speaker made a telling point to suggest that North American Jewry has now made its contribution to that empty margin. As far as can be ascertained, no one of the stature of Rashi or Ibn Ezra has yet appeared on the Canadian or American scene.

Yet the evidence continues to mount that North American Jews stand ready to cross the threshold of important contributions to our understanding of Jewish tradition and learning.

This is occurring despite important historical and sociological facts. One (though certainly not the only one) reason why Judaism produced such intellectual giants in the past was that generally the best Jewish minds

went into the rabbinate, other professions and vocations being barred to Jews under Christendom and Islam.

Since the Emancipation, however, some of the best Jewish minds have chosen to pursue careers in other spheres, — physics, mathematics, the sciences and arts in general.

The Holocaust and the destruction of the great Jewish learning centres which was its tragic by-products not only impoverished the Jewish world in general but deprived Jews from this continent of the opportunity to sit at the feet of those rabbis and scholars who embodied the great traditions of the yeshiva and that of the university.

In the mid 1940s, and for a decade thereafter, North American Judaism was numbed by the magnitude of the European disaster.

Fifty years later an explosion of Jewish scholarship and study on this continent must be factored into any analysis of the vitality of our community.

The appearance and growth of serious Jewish scholarship in North America can be noted in the fine Bible commentaries that the three wings of Judaism have or are in the process of producing in the English language.

It can be seen in seminal works of Talmudic analysis emanating from both yeshiva and the university world, Jewish scholarly journals such as *Proof Texts*, the *Jewish Quarterly Review* and half a dozen others are publishing research material of high quality on the whole gamut of Jewish sources.

It is in the book publishing sector that the clearest evidence of progress can be gauged. University presses at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Indiana, Toronto and Columbia — to name but a few — are encouraging the highest levels of Jewish scholarship with annual lists of scholarly studies in Bible, Talmud, Jewish history and literature.

In this context the efforts of Jason Aronson, a New Jersey firm, must be praised for its encouragement of Jewish learning through its publication of scholarly texts on diverse aspects of Judaic studies.

The empty margins have not been completely filled yet by North American Jews. But some small areas on the margins are being dotted by the creativity of American and Canadian Jewish scholars. It is too early to predict when the dots will turn to more substantial shadings, but the beginnings are discernible.

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No role for PLO

In Amman last week, the first foreign minister from the UN alliance to tour the region postwar, Joe Clark, in calling for immediate resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, vouchsafed a role for the PLO. For his own reasons, Clark found the moment propitious. Prisoners of war were still being exchanged, the scorched and cluttered ruins of tanks and trucks were still smouldering, and the killing of Iraqis by Iraqis continued in Basra.

At its very least, his statement was naive and muddled; at its worst, it was offensive and even dangerous. Perhaps the Prime Minister's statements in the House means the government has a policy that differs from Mr. Clark's. In any case, what Mr. Clark said merits quick and unambiguous repudiation.

There is no role for the PLO to play in the genuine search for a genuine peace between the Israelis, Palestinians or the Arab states. Its enthusiastic and open embrace of Saddam Hussein, once and for all, should have put paid to the notion that it has.

The reasons are not complicated. Here are simply a few:

First, the PLO remains what it always was: a loose union of self-appointed leaders bereft of any moral compass, intent on terror and fixated upon destruction. Their support of Saddam's vow, but vain efforts, to "burn half of Israel" proves the point irrevocably.

Second, the PLO — and not merely its leader, Yasser Arafat — has been discredited in the eyes of Western leaders in the United States and in Europe, whose previous support it has coldly betrayed. Third, the PLO is broadly detested among the Gulf states, notably Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and among the Arab members of the anti-Saddam coalition, notably Egypt, Syria and Morocco.

Fourth, the PLO has forfeited the support of the vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, more than 50 per cent of whom are now said to be supporting the Fundamentalist Hamas. The PLO's rush to Saddam's side has cost the already intifada-depleted economy of the West Bank untold dollars in trade, savings and employment.

Fifth, the PLO itself is in disarray. Rival factions have been fighting again in Lebanon. And open tactical quarreling has broken out among Palestinian leaders supportive of the PLO in East Jerusalem.

And sixth, the PLO is utterly mistrusted by every segment of Israel's population, including those formerly willing to seek them out.

Clark's determined efforts to prop up the PLO, despite its record, or his ill-conceived attempt to distinguish between it and Arafat, falls far short of the clear-minded thinking that the Canadian people expect and require of their government. His renewed endorsement simply excuses the PLO's inexcusable behavior. What will ever induce the PLO to change its policies, if it is never held accountable by Western governments, if even its vilest policies are rewarded?

Clark's pronouncement was simply wrong on its merits. That it was made in such haste, was unseemly.

Zionism thriving

The epoch-making arrival of Soviet Jews in Israel is one of the wonders of the modern era. Between January 1990 and the end of February 1991 more than 200,000 Soviet Jews have made their way to the ancestral homeland.

Even during the tumultuous and danger-ridden days of the Gulf War the Soviet-Jewish aliya continued (of course on a somewhat reduced pattern), prompting the editor of The New Republic to remark that Soviet Jews apparently preferred "the bombs of Saddam Hussein to the reforms of Mikhail Gorbachev."

According to Martin Peretz, "the influx proves the Zionist vision remains not only viable but vital. Indeed, with every other utopianism collapsing, Zionism turns out to be one of the most truly tenacious, and successful political movements of our time."

While agencies of the government of Canada express apprehensions about the possibilities of admitting 180,000 potential immigrants to this country — which has a population six times greater than Israel and possesses the second largest land mass in the world — tiny Israel is welcoming Soviet Jews with a magnanimity of spirit that is admirable.

This is not surprising because Israel was founded, in part, on the principle that Jews everywhere have the right to immigrate there and indeed, according to the Law of Return, citizenship is automatically granted to every Jew who arrives in Israel under the provisions of that statute.

The aliya of Soviet Jewry constitutes one of the greatest, but at the same time one of the most pleasant challenges to face Israel and Diaspora Jews. The influx will influence the future shape of the Jewish state because the dynamism of Soviet Jewry will affect, in ways we cannot as yet discern, the rhythm and pulse of Israeli society.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

AUSHLANDER FAMILY

I wish to make contact with the family of Archie Aushlander who migrated to Montreal in the early part of this century from Poland. The family is related to my grandmother, Jennie Goldberg Kerster who emigrated in 1902 from Klewice, Poland to either Montreal or New York City. Anyone who can help me can write to me at the above address or telephone me collect.

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SON HAD DOUBLE TRANSPLANT

Re. the letter by Ben Wicks (CJN Jan. 31) warning of anti-Arab racism.

After visiting hours on the Monday evening of Jan. 7 I left Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva with a very heavy heart. My son, who'd had a double transplant several days before — pancreas and kidney — was on the critical list and things didn't look good.

Along the driveway I passed a young Arab solicitously helping an elderly lady, obviously his mother, towards the emergency entrance. And not too far behind them was a young Arab couple, pappa carrying the baby and striding purposefully towards the same emergency entrance, mamma visibly upset and running to keep up.

But the clincher came at the gate where a car from Nabulus was casually waved in by the guard, who greeted the driver with some good-natured banter.

These are people that the media and Amnesty International and the Arabs in neighboring countries say are being denied their human rights by the Israelis. In my book human rights don't include the rights to stab, to shoot from ambush, to dismember, to booby-trap, to sabotage, to burn, to bomb old and young congregants in or in front of synagogues, to blow aircraft out of the sky.

Not without being properly clobbered, that is. And if my support of such an idea makes me a racist then I suppose that's what I am.

Ralph Charad
Commander, Montreal Post
Jewish War Veterans of Canada
P.S. My son's better and coming along fine.

RAE DROPS A NOTCH

As a member of Toronto's Jewish community and a strong supporter of Premier Bob Rae and the NDP, it is with deep regret that I have to write this letter.

Premier Rae always came across to me as a man of deep conviction, ethics and honor. Therefore, it was with much disapproval and disappointment,



J.B. Salsberg

J. B. has returned safely from his sojourn to sunny Florida and will resume his popular column in his regular spot on page 11 next week.

that I read in a recent copy of the CJN that he was not present to have a picture taken with Israel's new Ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef at a recent meeting with him at Queen's Park.

The picture shows a dejected looking new ambassador. We have a right to know what transpired between the premier and Ambassador Shelef. He certainly was remiss in playing the gracious host. Did political expediency win out over ethics? Would he have been perceived, G-d forbid, as being pro-Israel and offending too many people?



Bob Rae

Knowing his family background and its Jewish connection, I am at a loss to comprehend how he could snub and offend our Jewish community and Israel in this manner. It is an affront and it needs to be addressed and corrected immediately.

Unfortunately, Mr. Rae, in my eyes, you have dropped a few notches. My gut reaction is one of sadness and anger. Maybe it was naive of me to think you would be any different from the rest of some of our self-serving politicians.

In the same edition, there is a picture of Ambassador Shelef and Joe Clark together.

Jan R. Fine
Toronto

DID NOT TRADE INSULTS

Re "JDL - Peace Now Trade Insults" (CJN Jan. 10). Your reporter was confused. As stated at the end of the article, we did not debate, we did not "trade insults." As far as I can recollect, the JDL representative inveighed against the New Israel Fund and the civil rights movement in Israel and Canadian Jewish leaders such as Milton Harris. He did not mention the Peace Now movement.

I did not insult him, I stated that the Israeli Knesset had judged his movement racist and anti-democratic. As correctly reported, I did criticize the organizers of the meeting for giving a platform to such views, when we in Canada approve the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding racist preaching.

Frank M. Guttman, M.D.
Montreal

SILVERWARE RETURNED

After donating my tea wagon to the Furniture Bank For Jewish Immigrants, I realized I accidentally left my silverware in the drawer.

After I panicked, I called the person who picked the furniture up from my home and told her my story.

She immediately contacted the family who received my tea wagon. The people let her know that not only did they keep the silverware safe and sound, but they made an attempt to call someone who would help the family return it.

This family was more than willing to return the whole set of cutlery and invited us over to their apartment to pick it up right away. It's a pleasure to have given aid to people that, despite their own needs, were honest and sincere.

J. Pollock
Toronto

LAUDS MUSLIM MEETING

In response to the article re: B'nai Brith League — Muslims meet — I would like to commend B'nai Brith for taking the initiative and reaching out to the Muslim community which, like our own is suffering repercussions as a result of the Gulf War.

It is admirable, particularly in these times when many groups are feeling fractured and alienated, that B'nai Brith is building bridges of co-operation and understanding within our multicultural, multiracial Canadian society.

Selma Copeland
Toronto

TIME FOR CANADA TO ACT

I join along with the rest of the Jewish community in commending the Canadian government for its decision to fully support the allied war efforts in the Persian Gulf and for showing its support to Canadian Jews in this difficult time.

At the same time, however, I believe that our gratitude must be tempered with a realistic view of the Canadian government's attitude vis-a-vis Israel and other factions in the Middle East.

Prior to the Gulf crisis, Jordan received millions of dollars in financial aid from our government. Yet, with the outbreak of war, Jordan has demonstrated a reprehensible and dangerous double standard that does not bode well for future Arab-Israeli peace prospects.

While the United States severed relations with the PLO following the failed terrorist attempt on the beaches of Tel Aviv last summer, Canada has steadfastly held on to its belief that the PLO is the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." Even the undeniable facts that the PLO has applauded Saddam Hussein's avowed desire to "torch half of Israel," the continued call to increase intifada violence and the reality that non-PLO supporters among the Palestinians are branded as "collaborators" and terrorized, have not led our government to re-think their position.

Canada's voting record at the United Nations continues to be nothing short of deplorable. Witness how fast Canada was to condemn Israel for the Temple Mount killings.

Furthermore, in what smacks frighteningly of the old "all Jews are wealthy" canard, the Canadian government feels that Israel is too rich to be a recipient of Canadian financial aid. And even the country's tremendous need for funds for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of Soviet immigrants is ignored.

Yes, let us applaud the words of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

Eli Bernstein
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Name Game

KIMEL — INGBER — GEWIRTZ

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

Many Jews dealt in products which gave them their surnames.

Familiar names are:

Zuker — sugar in German.

Saltz (Seltzer) — salt in German.

Pfeffer — pepper in German.

More exotic ingredients are reflected in the names:

Kimel — caraway.

Ingber, Imber — ginger.

Gewirtz — spice.

Rosmarin — rosemary.

These ingredients are prized by good housekeepers.

Sense of responsibility for community stunted

Needs of local institutions underplayed by fund raisers

By
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Wherever I travel in the United States, the Jewish community of Canada, and especially of Toronto, stands high, because of its fabulous outpouring of support for Operation Exodus. We raised monies which surpassed the best in the United States, and this despite a Canadian recession that has been considerably more serious than the American.

Unfortunately, there is another side to this success. People gave willingly to Operation Exodus, but in the process, shortchanged the local campaigns. In Toronto, for instance, nearly 3,000 givers to Operation Exodus decided to cut or flatten their regular UJA gifts. This represents a decrease of over \$3 million which local organizations, including Jewish schools, have to make up in some fashion or another.

This serious discrepancy has led one campaign official to say, "Had those contributors known that local agencies would be inflicted with serious funding cutbacks because of Operation Exodus, I doubt they would have given so generously to Exodus..." — meaning they would have taken into greater consideration the needs of local institutions.

I have no idea whether this would have been

so. Still, the euphoria which has accompanied the arrival of Soviet Jews into Israel made it almost inevitable that it would overshadow all else. It is certain that a similar development would have occurred had Israel become directly involved in the Iraqi war.

This points to a situation which sooner or later — and now it appears, sooner — must be addressed by all communities which have an integrated appeal for both Israel and local institutions. I have long warned that the total reliance of our UJA appeal on the emotional impact of everything connected with Israel has stunted our sense of responsibility toward our own communities.

I do not mean thereby that we should give less to Israel — quite the contrary, we should continue to support it even more generously, and I am proud of the record we have established over the years.

However, in our fund raising we have underplayed the needs of our local institutions. Of course, those intimately connected with communal life are fully aware of this, but the public is not. For them, UJA means Israel, pure and simple, and they give little thought to whether this benefits our local needs as well.

The reason for doing it this way is simple: we

save a good deal of money by avoiding duplicative fund raising, and we also do not have to convince the community that particular local institutions are worthy of their support.

We fear, for instance, that there will be many who have no use for Jewish day schools but identify themselves in other matters with the community and express this by their support of Israel. The picture of a child studying Hebrew cannot, for most people, compete with the image of Soviet Jews descending from airplanes and dancing in the reception hall at Ben-Gurion Airport.

It has been and continues to be my conviction that our support for Israel will not decrease if at the same time



Rabbi Plaut

we also insist on facing people with their responsibility toward our local schools and other Jewish institutions. We simply cannot continue to speak only of Israel and say nothing of the strengthening of our own community — not one competing with the other, but one strengthening the other.

I believe that a literate, concerned and Jewishly conscious community that supports its own institutions will also be the kind of community that is more generous with regards to needs in Israel and other Jewish communities throughout the

world.

In Toronto at present, it costs a family which does not receive any subsidy, upward of \$7,000 to send a child to day school — and there is usually no reduction for two or three children. This is a burden which ever fewer people will be able or willing to bear, which means that those who are deemed capable of affording the full cost for their children's education may increasingly withdraw them from day schools, and especially so in times of recession.

I have no miracle cure to offer for this problem except to emphasize again that we have not yet reached the limit of our capacity. And most certainly have we not instituted the kind of campaign that reaches the many thousands who could give, but never do.

While we try to reach them when the campaign is on, we rarely find the energy or the vehicle of doing it at other times. I refuse to believe that a large part of our community is so disaffected that they do not wish to give a nickel to anything Jewish — the same people who will proudly proclaim that they are good Jews.

We will have to deal with the subject again and again. Meanwhile, it is quite true that being Jewish is and always has been expensive. But it is also true that it is worth it.

Letter to Brian Mulroney:

Prime Minister must denounce "Mother of all lies"

The following is an open letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney from B'nai Brith Canada.

As the dust settles in the deserts of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and as we, in the western world, have learned to understand Arab rhetoric just a little bit better, it is important that you, Mr. Prime Minister, seize this moment in history not to fall prey to empty clichés and worthless phrases, but to denounce the "Mother of all lies" — that the turmoil in the Middle East is as a result of the Palestinian problem.

You were among the first in the world who spoke following the ceasefire urging a resolution to the Palestinian problem. Surely you know, that the Palestinian question was not a core issue in the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, in the torture of Kuwaiti civilians; in the mutilation of innocent people; in the destruction of property and looting of possessions.

Nor was the Palestinian question germane when thousands of Kurds were attacked with chemical warfare. Nor were the Palestinians a core issue when Iraq and Iran conducted an eight-year war resulting in over a million dead.

"Designs for a greater Syria" have nothing to do with the Palestinian question — nor does Khaddafy's international terrorism. Let us never fall victim to the naive suggestion that a resolution to the Palestinian issue will bring peace and harmony among the Arab States.



Brian Mulroney

Now is the time for decisive leadership, for dramatic world statesmanship. You, sir, can lead the way. There are questions that have been unresolved for decades that need and cry out for understanding.

Canada, under your leadership, can demand within the framework of the coalition partnership, that all Arab nations immediately and unconditionally recognize the State of Israel and establish full diplomatic relations with her.

Countries that talk to each other are better equipped to resolve problems. In a similar vein, Canada should urge the coalition partners to immediately introduce into the United Nations a resolution repealing the infamous "Zionism is Racism" decree.

Our guiding principles, as Canadians, must always be humanitarian. Thus, as billions of dollars will now be spent for the re-building of Iraq and Kuwait, Canada can urge that some of these funds be earmarked for the elimination of Palestinian refugee camps. Israel has long called for building of appropriate facilities for the Palestinians but these efforts have always been thwarted by the United Nations which refused to allow Israel to better conditions, claiming it would violate the status quo.

UN actions preferred to keep the Palestinians as political tools, rather than providing them with proper housing and a better quality of life. Perhaps too many UN jobs would be eliminated.

Since a proposal for Palestinian-Israeli relations already exists, which has been sanctioned by the United States, Egypt and Israel, encouragement should now be given to implement the Camp David Accords. Notwithstanding Palestinian calls

for chemical attacks on Israel, a modus operandi can result from the phase-in of the Camp David Accords allowing Jews and Palestinians to live in harmony, side by side.

*You can help
to shape
the new order*

And finally, you, Mr. Prime Minister can be loud and clear in denouncing Saddam Hussein's ally, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Its facade of moderation has once again been removed to expose the terrorist organization that it is, aligning itself with those who challenged our Canadian forces in the Gulf.

Let us not forget that as Saddam Hussein's Scuds were directed at Tel Aviv, Yasser Arafat's Katusha shells were released in northern Israel.

You can help to shape the new order. We hope and pray that you will seize the moment.

...And we just had one!

There are millions of good reasons to have a baby

By
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Millions of reasons exist to add a baby to your family, after all, you're getting too much sleep as it is.

Babies fill your heart and your nights and their diapers. Babies perpetuate the Jewish people and the disposable diaper-makers, the powder bottlers, the formula concocters and the manufacturers of tiny bibs with snaps that pop through the terry cloth the first time they're used.

Babies are useful alarm clocks, imprecise, but useful. They are attuned to an internal clock that rings with hunger, with damp, with cold and with an unerring sense of just when Mom has her hands full, her door bell ringing, her boss on the phone and her red shirt in the wash load of white napkins and tablecloths.

Babies are cause for celebration, be it a baby naming or a bris, an occasion, as Miss Manners points out, where everyone has a good time except the guest of honor, who does not. Babies are a reason for wrapping paper with pastel teddy bears on it, for balloons that proclaim, "It's

a Girl!," for bubble-gum cigars with wrappers reading "It's a Boy!"

Babies are the reason big sisters get bunk beds, older brothers share dresser drawers and the "designated guest room" suddenly overflows with diaper cases, wind-up swings, fold-up strollers and portable playpens. For tiny people who can't go anywhere or do anything, babies generate an astonishing amount of clutter and debris.

One minute, a home is tidy and neat; the next minute, there are booties on the bureau, a car seat in the foyer, milk bottles in the bedroom, mounds of wipes and creams and cotton swabs, and a veritable library of pamphlets, folders, coupons and manuals.

Most major computer systems come equipped with fewer documents than a baby-home from the hospital: promotional copies of a dozen magazines, coupons for unheard of unguents and creams, and forms that presage a life of unnecessary bureaucratic paperwork.

Babies are the mainstay of an entire branch of book and magazine publishing which issues a steady flow of documents designed to tell a new

mother what to do in the event of red spots or hiccups or fever, but unfindable at the exact moment the baby is actually spotting, hiccupping, or heating up.

Books on baby naming (Griselda? Xerxes?) say every name has a meaning, although most names mean, "Mom's uncle in Calgary." Books on baby-feeding say to start solids at four months, or five months, or six months, and to begin with cereal or banana or a pizza with anchovies and green pepper. These books do not agree with each other; if they did, we could somehow get by with fewer of them.

Books exist on teaching your baby to read, on teaching your baby to exercise and on teaching your baby toilet training by the time he's a year old. Those books miss a valuable point: the unique thing about babies is their babyhood.

We know they have unlimited potential, but they have a limited amount of time to simply wave their hands in the air, play tag with their toes, smile gaseously, chirp in a deliciously meaningless argot of their own, pull their grandma's hair, clutch their grandpa's fingers and absorb the noisy, colorful, fragrant, textured world

around them.

Babies serve a lot of useful purposes.

They teach their siblings how to help, how to be self sufficient and how to grow up. They teach their parents that nothing else is as important as a squirmy, helpless, cockeyed, slightly drooling ticket to the future. They confirm the miracle of creation by repeating it. Babies are joy and mess and delight and work and happiness and responsibility, all in one demanding, comic, scary, fabulous package.

Babies do so many wonderful things, every family should have one.

And now we do.

And the Bris is tomorrow.

My editor is incorrect when she teases that we added this baby to our family just to provide me with column fodder. That is, she's incorrect in general; but she's right today.

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Backgrounder

Extremely beneficial for Israel

Winners, losers in Gulf War totted up

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Gulf War is over, and now a post-mortem is in order. Who won? Who lost? The dust has not quite settled, but a preliminary evaluation is possible.

UNITED STATES — George Bush is the man of the hour, the president who made good on his ultimatums to Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait unconditionally. Saddam Hussein did not fully abide by United Nations' resolutions, and he paid dearly for his aggression, his megalomania, his shortsightedness and his repeated miscalculations.

For the Bush administration, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm was a brilliant exercise in diplomacy and war. Responding to Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, Bush drew "a line in the sand," and steadily increased the pressure on Iraq. The United States airlifted men and materiel to the Arabian peninsula, cobbled together a diverse anti-Iraqi coalition, pushed through 12 anti-Iraqi United Nations resolutions and worked with the Soviet Union in a spirit of post-Cold War co-operation.

Iraq was effectively isolated on the world stage, as the United States and its 27 coalition partners assiduously and at great expense assembled a huge force to confront Saddam on the battlefield if economic sanctions failed to bring him to his senses.

Bush was a first-rate crisis manager, orchestrating the campaign to oust Iraq from Kuwait. Oil was not the only factor in Washington's calculations. Bush sought to enshrine the principle that unprovoked aggression against a U.S. ally is unacceptable. More important, he wanted to check Iraq, a destabilizing influence that was upsetting the regional balance of power. Bush's unstated goal was to cut down to size Iraq's bloated military machine and its chemical, nuclear and biological capabilities.

The air war, launched on Jan. 16, was an unqualified success. Allied aircraft smashed Iraq's vaunted defensive lines and much of its armor and knocked out a third of its air force. The ground-war, lasting only 100 hours, was essentially a mopping up operation.

By defeating Iraq in so decisive a fashion, the United States reestablished its credentials as a superpower, positioned itself to be the final arbiter of Middle Eastern diplomacy and exorcised the Vietnam syndrome. Bush, barring unforeseen circumstances, has an excellent chance of being re-elected in the 1992 presidential election.

ISRAEL — From a strategic point of view, the Gulf War was extremely beneficial for Israel. Iraq, its chief foe, has been obliterated as a military threat. Only Syria, a member of the coalition, remains as the only Arab nation capable of making war on Israel.

Israel sat out this war, partly because of American insistence and partly because 80 per cent of Israelis agreed with Israel's policy of restraint. Israel held back as Iraq fulfilled a pre-war pledge and fired 39 Scuds into Israeli cities, killing two Israelis (a handful also died of heart attacks and choked to death trying to put on their gas masks) and causing some \$250 million worth of property damage. For the first time since the War of In-

dependence, the home front was the war front.

Israel's policy of self-restraint paid dividends. Its image overseas improved dramatically. Israel received financial and military assistance from the United States, Germany and Holland. Some observers fear that Israel's restraint, as well as its decision to let U.S. soldiers operate Patriot anti-missile missiles on its territory, will harm its deterrent posture. But that is probably a misplaced apprehension. Israel's enemies have more than a passing acquaintance with its strength. What is true, however, is that the United States — Israel's main patron and protector — has forged closer strategic ties with Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

These enhanced relations will surely affect Washington's view of an Arab-Israeli accord. The Bush administration will probably lean on Israel to agree to a land-for-peace formula. By the same token, the Arab states will be expected to come to terms with Israel after more than 40 years of unremitting hostility.

The Palestinians are the wild card. Who will represent them? In previous times, it might have been the PLO, led by Yasser Arafat. But things are different today, given Arafat's identification with and support of Iraq. The PLO has alienated the United States, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and possibly Egypt and Syria. But if the PLO is shut out of the peace process, who will speak for the Palestinians? Israel is deadset against dealing with the PLO. But will the Palestinians in the territories break with the PLO? It seems doubtful.

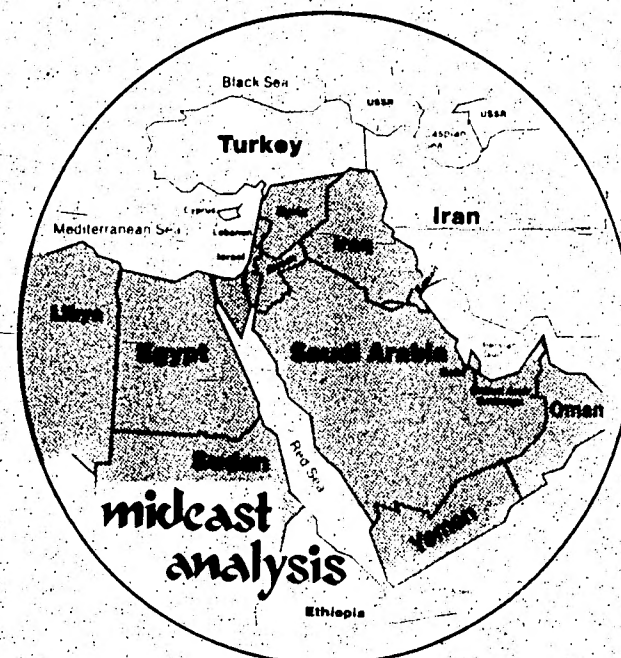
SAUDI ARABIA — The Saudi government, which is a family corporation for all intents and

purposes, feared that a buildup of Western forces on its soil might sow internal dissension and thereby be destabilizing. It appears that these fears were unfounded, largely because the war was swift and decisive and because the United States has every intention of withdrawing the bulk of its troops as quickly as possible.

The presence of Western soldiers has not had an adverse effect on Saudi Arabia's deeply conservative Islamic society. Women, for example, are still not allowed to drive automobiles. The House of Saud is greatly relieved that the neighborhood bully, Iraq, has been vanquished. Saudi soldiers, in their baptism of fire in modern warfare, did not perform badly. A Saudi was the only coalition pilot to shoot down two enemy planes in a dogfight. Saudi Arabia's relationship with the United States is more intense than ever, with the Saudis expected to take delivery of a vast \$20 billion U.S. arms package within the next few years. Israel will not be able to stop the flow of sophisticated weaponry to Saudi Arabia.

KUWAIT — The Kuwaitis have recovered their country, but it will cost them about \$60 billion and a decade to rebuild it. It's clear that the ruling al-Sabah family will have to democratize the political system if it is to remain on the throne. And for years to come, an Arab peacekeeping force will be stationed in Kuwait, the better to protect it from regional vultures.

EGYPT — Like Saudi Arabia, Egypt's standing in the United States is at an all-time high in the wake of the Gulf War. President Hosni Mubarak took the lead in forming an Arab coalition against Iraq, and for that Bush is grateful. The United States has already forgiven Egypt \$7 billion in military loans, and further U.S. aid will



be forthcoming. Egypt contributed some 40,000 troops, backed by armor, to the war effort. Egyptian soldiers participated in the liberation of Kuwait. For its trouble, Egypt can expect massive infusions of aid from Saudi Arabia. Egyptians will welcome such assistance. The moribund Egyptian economy has been battered since August.

As a result of its leadership role in the Gulf War, Egypt will again become the hub of Arab politics. With Iraq having been eliminated from contention, Egypt becomes the preeminent Arab power. Mubarak, though hardly a Nasser, has consolidated his position.

SYRIA — By joining the coalition, Syrian President Hafez Assad redeemed himself in the eyes of the West and his Arab neighbors. Syria, in recent years, had alienated the United States, Western Europe and segments of the Arab mainstream by backing terrorism. But now Syria is poised to be rehabilitated.

Syria is pleased with the outcome of the war. Iraq, its ideological adversary, has taken a terrible drubbing. Arafat, Assad's nemesis, is in disrepute. Syria has broken out of its isolation. The Saudis have promised \$2 billion in assistance. Syria can play a meaningful role in postwar diplomatic talks. There have been rumors that the Golan Heights, which Israel wrested from Syria in the Six Day War, will be on the diplomatic agenda for the first time since 1967.

TURKEY — The Turks were faithful coalition partners. In return, Turkey is in line for Western and Arab economic aid. Increased military co-operation with the United States is probably in the offing. As well, the Bush administration will support Turkey's once-rejected application to join the European Community.

IRAN — The war has been good for Iran. Iraq agreed to settle the dispute over the Shatt al Arab on Iran's terms. Iraq, its traditional foe, has been defanged. Iraqi planes which scrambled for sanctuary in Iran will probably form the basis of Iran's new air force. The West appreciated Iran's neutrality, and this may translate into better economic relations with Western Europe and the United States.

The losers...

IRAQ — An utterly defeated nation licks its wounds as the ruling Ba'ath party struggles to survive. Saddam's days are definitely numbered. To most Iraqis, he is a liability.

PLO — By backing Iraq, Arafat committed the worst mistake of his career. He may well be replaced.

JORDAN — King Hussein's pro-Iraqi tilt antagonized the West and the coalition Arabs, but not the Palestinians in his kingdom. The Gulf conflict devastated Jordan's economy.



Damage caused by a Scud somewhere in Israel. [IPPA photo]

Conflict may create better climate for Greek Jews

By
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S cud ballistic missiles launched into Israel stirred an upsurge of pro-Israel sympathy in Greece, which until recently was the only Western European country not to have full de jure diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

Jewish officials in Athens, who prefer to remain anonymous, believe that expressions of solidarity with Israel may create a more positive climate for the Jews of Greece. Greek Jewry, nearly decimated during the Second World War, and exposed to 43 years of anti-Zionism, will probably remain vigilant in monitoring attitudes toward Israel as the Gulf War progresses.

Jewish leaders here point out that Greece was the only European country to vote against the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan, which recommended the establishment of a Jewish and an Arab state in Mandatory Palestine. The UN's historic resolution helped pave the way for Israel's emergence as a sovereign Jewish state.

Until last spring, when Greece became the last of the 12-member European Community to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel, Greece recognized Israel on a de facto basis.

Israel and Greece signed the diplomatic protocol at a ceremony at EC headquarters in Brus-

sels. Under the accord, the diplomatic missions of the two countries were elevated from missions to embassies, and the status of the present chiefs of mission were raised to ambassadors.

Greek Jews welcomed the development, but observed that the diplomatic move was accompanied by a Greek government upgrade in the status of the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Athens, and the government's condemnation of Israel's presence on the West Bank and in Gaza Strip. Panayiotis Economou, secretary-general of the Greek Foreign Ministry, declared that Greece's "traditional policy of friendship and solidarity with the Arab world would be continued and even improved."

Greece's Middle East policy is closely related to its dependence on Arab oil and export markets, according to Emanuel Seri, Israel's consul in Athens.

After the Six Day War, Greece called for a complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories and for the right of the Palestinians to independence and statehood. Informed sources claim that Athens was an open city for Arab and other terrorists. After the Six Day War, an El Al plane was attacked, and an El Al office was bombed, in Athens.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, (1981-1989), Greece hardened its pro-Arab Middle-Eastern policy, and cooled

relations with Israel.

Papandreu's Socialist government angered Jews in Greece and abroad, as it withheld full diplomatic recognition of Israel, but maintained friendly relations with Libya. In 1981, Greece recognized the PLO on a de facto basis, allowing the PLO to open an office in Athens enjoying the same diplomatic rights as Israel's legation.

Jews worldwide were disturbed by what appeared to be sympathetic treatment toward terrorists. In 1985, the Papandreu government freed six Palestinians accused of terrorism. This controversial decision effectively halted most travel to Greece under official Jewish sponsorship.

In contrast, Constantine Mitsotakis, the new prime minister of Greece, spearheaded the historic May 21, 1990 resolution which led to full diplomatic ties with Israel. Mitsotakis announced his decision before the April 8, 1990 elections that brought his conservative New Democratic party to power. During his years in the opposition, Mitsotakis repeatedly said he would improve relations with Israel when he came into power.

At a meeting in New York with top American Jewish leaders in June 1990, the 71-year-old Mitsotakis asserted, "I did what I believe serves the interests of our country and serves the interest of peace in the region."

The establishment of full diplomatic ties between Israel and Greece has forged a climate of hope as well as skepticism within the Jewish communities of Greece. The 8,000 Jews of Greece are a tiny minority, mainly Holocaust survivors and their children, in a dominant Greek Orthodox population of nine million. Although acts of religious discrimination against Jews are unlawful in Greece, Jewish community leaders say that there are seeds of anti-Semitism in the Greek Orthodox Church teachings. The church still maintains that the Jews killed Jesus, and that they must suffer for this crime.

According to some observers, the anti-Israel policies of the Papandreu government, and the pro-Arab, pro-PLO slant of the Greek media, encouraged anti-Semitic incidents throughout Greece.

Athens, with an Arab population of over 5,000, has experienced the largest share of anti-Israel occurrences.

Last October, Greek students and their Arab supporters protested in front of the Israeli embassy in reaction to the Temple Mount incident, in which at least 19 rock-throwing Palestinians were killed by Israeli police. Jewish community leaders are concerned that anti-Israel sentiments and protests could translate into outright anti-Jewish actions.

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There is no doubt that, for Soviet Jews, the years spanning 1948 to 1953 were shot through with despair. It was a time when Moscow cracked down hard on Jewish culture, purged Jews from their positions, questioned their loyalty, conceived the infamous Doctor's plot and set into motion a plan to deport Jewish citizens to Siberia.

Coming on the heels of the mass slaughter of Soviet Jews by the Nazis during the German occupation, this anti-Jewish campaign was orchestrated by none other than the dictatorial and paranoid supreme leader of the Soviet Union, Josef Stalin.

Culminating in January of 1953 with the chilling Soviet government announcement that nine Kremlin doctors, including six Jews, had medically murdered two of Stalin's closest aides in 1945 and 1948, this was a period that shook Soviet Jewry to its very foundations.

Louis Rapoport, a Jerusalem Post editor, has pieced together this era in an absorbing book, *Stalin's War Against The Jews* (Collier Macmillan, \$31.95). As the title suggests, Stalin was the guiding spirit behind the harassment and evisceration of the Jewish community. Stalin, he quotes his daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva as saying, "never liked Jews, though he wasn't as blatant about expressing his hatred for them (in the 1930s) as he was after the war."

Alliluyeva believes that the origin of her father's anti-Semitism stemmed from the power struggle he waged with Leon Trotsky, a Jew, in the wake of Vladimir Lenin's death. But, as Rapoport observes, Stalin's attitude toward Jews had already crystallized much earlier, when he was heard characterizing the Mensheviks as a "Jewish" faction while the Bolsheviks were truly "Russian."

Antipathy to Jews would grow over the years, author writes

It therefore comes as no surprise that Stalin presided over the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union. In the aftermath of the October 1917 revolution, he was appointed head of the People's Commissariat for Nationality Affairs. One of the first departments he established was the Central Commissariat for Jewish National Affairs (YEVKOM). Its mission, Rapoport writes, was to liquidate all Jewish national and religious institutions. The teaching of Hebrew was banned, religious instruction was suppressed and Jewish organizations were abolished. It should be added that this policy was supported by Jewish apparatchiks.

Officially, Stalin opposed anti-Semitism. In a 1931 interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, his only authorized comment on the topic, he described anti-Semitism as "an extreme form of racial chauvinism" and "the most dangerous vestige of cannibalism."

Nevertheless, Stalin's antipathy to Jews would only grow in the intervening years. In May of 1939, on the eve of his astonishing rapprochement with Nazi Germany, he fired his Jewish foreign minister, Maxim Litvinov, replacing him with a Russian, V.M. Molotov. During the Second World War, he ordered the arrest of his son's wife, Yulia, whom he had disparagingly referred to as "the Jewish wife." And when his daughter, Svetlana, fell in love with a Jewish screenwriter, he slapped her around, tore up her love letters and sputtered: "She couldn't even find herself a Russian."

Stalin, however, was not above manipulating Soviet — and world — Jewry to suit his needs. In 1942, probably the low point of the war for the Soviet Union, Stalin sanctioned the establishment of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee (JAC). Its main task was to promote, among Di-

asporea Jewry, the idea of a second front in the war and to hammer home the point that Germany was the common enemy.

Some of the most prominent Jews in the Soviet Union rallied around JAC — Solomon Mikhoels, the actor and director; Itzik Feffer and Peretz Markish, the Yiddish poets; Ilya Ehrenburg, the writer-journalist; David Oistrakh, the violinist; Miron Vovsi, the head of the Red Army's medical division; Lena Shtern, the most honored Soviet female scientist; Lt.-Gen. Jacob Kreiser, a hero in the defence of Moscow; Sergei Eisenstein, the film director; Boris Shmelovich, the chief of Botkin Hospital, one of the world's largest. Some of these personalities would later be caught up in Stalin's anti-Jewish net.

In mid-1943, Rapoport writes, Mikhoels and Feffer were dispatched on a seven-month mission to the United States, in part to offset the damage caused by the furor over the mysterious disappearance of two Polish Bundists, Henryk Ehrlich and Viktor Alter, who in fact had been shot. The Mikhoels-Feffer mission was a great success, attracting huge audiences and generating large sums for the Soviet Union. Critics who raised the fate of Ehrlich and Alter were denounced, particularly by Stephen Wise, the American Reform rabbi, and Nahum Goldmann, co-founder of the World Jewish Congress, Rapoport says.

As Mikhoels and Feffer toured the United States, Soviet Jews unfortunate enough to have fallen into German hands were killed en masse. Moscow suppressed news of the extermination of Soviet Jewry, and Rapoport claims, tendentiously, that Stalin "tacitly approved of Hitler's Final Solution." This statement, which is at best unsubstantiated, is almost immediately followed by a contradictory remark that Stalin was "still in full control of himself and would not be consumed by anti-Semitic hatred" until after the war. It's an unfortunate lapse in an otherwise credible book.

Stalin's real feelings vis-a-vis Jews emerged as the war wound down. At Yalta, in 1945, Stalin told President Franklin Roosevelt that Jews were "profiteers and parasites," according to U.S. diplomat Charles Bohlen. "Suddenly after the war," Nikita Khrushchev recalled in his

Stalin directed anti-Jewish campaign

memoirs, "Stalin was seized by a fit of anti-Semitism."

After the war, anti-Semitism emerged as "the militant official ideology" in the Soviet Union, Stalin's daughter writes. A quota system was revived in universities and throughout the bureaucracy. In Stalin's mind, Rapoport notes, Jews were too Western-oriented, too open to foreign influences, unassimilable and ultimately disloyal — notwithstanding the profession of communism by many Soviet Jews.

The media assault on Jews was initiated in 1946 by a Russian writer in Sovetskaya Kultura, who claimed that Jewish critic Isaac Nusinov, "a vagabond without a passport," was trying to "Westernize" Russian poetry. This, in turn, triggered the infamous campaign against Jewish "rootless cosmopolitans."

Stalin's belief that Jews could not be assimilated was reinforced by the adulatory reception Soviet Jews accorded to Golda Meir, the first Israeli ambassador to the Soviet Union, in 1948. Shortly after her arrival, Ilya Ehrenburg published a scathing analysis of Zionism in Pravda.

In November and December of that seminal year, the Jewish Anti-Fascist League was disbanded and hundreds of heretofore honored Jewish cultural figures, like Mikhoels and Markish, were either disposed of or arrested. Deportations of Jews to Siberia also got under way. Molotov's Jewish wife, who had been close to Mikhoels, vanished. *The Black Book*, the chronicle of the extermination of Soviet Jewry, was shelved.

When the new edition of the *Great Soviet Encyclopedia* was published in 1952, the listing under Jews was reduced to two pages, from 54 in the previous 1932 edition. Jewish professors, doctors and high-ranking army officers were dismissed, including the secret service official who had handled the British master spies MacLean, Burgess and Philby. Meanwhile, show trials indicting Jewish Communists were held in Czechoslovakia and Romania.

On Jan. 13, 1953, about two months before Stalin's death, the Soviet government publicized the "Doctors' plot," claiming that the defendants were "connected with the international Jewish bourgeois nationalist organization Joint (the American Joint Distribution Committee), estab-

lished by American intelligence for the alleged purpose of providing material aid to Jews in other countries." Moscow claimed that the plotters were under U.S. orders "to wipe out the leading cadres of the U.S.S.R."

Amid this highly-charged atmosphere, prominent figures came under pressure to divorce their Jewish wives. Among them were Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and President Mikhail Kalinin.

As well, Jewish notables were asked to sign an open letter, scheduled to appear on the front page of Pravda, justifying the planned deportation of Jews (which, Rapoport claims, was being organized by Stalin's pre-eminent Jewish lackey, Lazar Kagonovich, the solitary Jew on the ruling politburo.) Rapoport says four Jews had the courage, or temerity, to refuse to sign the statement: Ehrenburg, his friend Venyamin Kaverin, Gen. Kreiser and Bolshoi star Mark Reizen, winner of three Stalin Prizes.

According to Rapoport, Stalin urged high Communist party and government officials, in his "off-handed" way, to start pogroms. Khrushchev, in his memoirs, quotes Stalin as saying: "The workers at the factories should be given clubs so they can beat the hell out of those Jews."

The anti-Jewish campaign reached a "fever pitch" in February of 1953, when even old Bolshevik Jews, such as the former ambassador to Britain, Ivan Maisky, were arrested. Amid this turbulence, the Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Israel, rejecting an Israeli apology for a bomb that had wrecked the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv. Rapoport claims that the bombing was carried out by followers of the defunct Stern Gang, of whom Yitzhak Shamir had been a member.

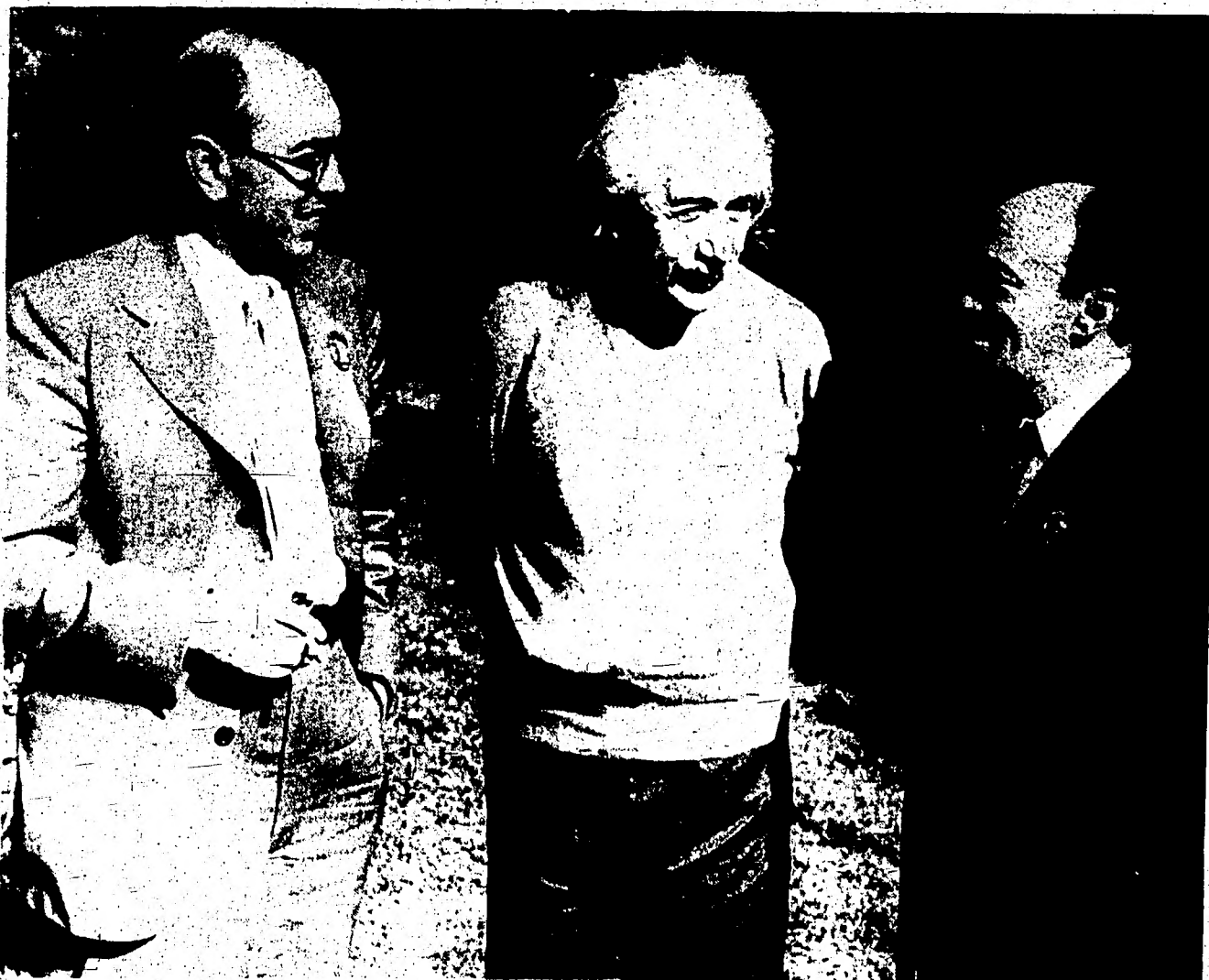
Rapoport is critical of the lukewarm manner in which some U.S. Jewish leaders responded to Stalin's anti-Jewish hysteria. He singles out Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, a well-known Zionist, who purportedly said: "I have no evidence that the Soviet Union is launched on an all-out anti-Semitic policy." He also takes Abba Eban — the then Israeli ambassador to the United Nations — to task for not even raising the issue.

Key figures were pressured to divorce wives and sign an open letter

The climax of *Stalin's War Against The Jews* revolves around an urgent meeting in late February called by Stalin to discuss the expulsion of Jews. Fulminating against "a sinister Zionist and imperialist plot" aimed at the U.S.S.R., Stalin said that "the affair of the Jewish doctors" necessitated the collective deportation of Jews to Central Asia and Birobidzhan, the Jewish autonomous region bordering China.

Thinking of himself, Kagonovich asked whether all Soviet Jews without exception were to be deported. Stalin replied: "a certain section." Molotov, in a tremulous voice, warned that an expulsion would have a negative impact on world opinion. Anastas Mikoyan, his colleague, shook his head in assent. Voroshilov, agitated, threw his Communist party card on the table, saying that the expulsion scheme violated the party's honor. Stalin, unaccustomed to such opposition, exploded in a rage, and collapsed, dying of a fatal stroke there and then (the official Soviet version claims his stroke occurred on March 1.)

Ironically, the announcement of Stalin's death was made by a Jew, Yuri Levitan, the Soviet equivalent of Lorne Green. With Stalin's demise, there was a sudden lull in the constant anti-Jewish press campaign. Within weeks of Stalin's funeral, the Soviet government exonerated all those who had been implicated in the Doctors' plot, hailing them as "honest and esteemed figures of our state." The nightmare concocted by Stalin and his henchmen had finally ended.



In 1943 Solomon Mikhoels (left) and Itzik Feffer (right) travelled to the West as Soviet emissaries and met with many prominent figures including Albert Einstein.

Israel

Four Israeli women stabbed as "message to Baker"

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

An Arab man from the Gaza Strip fatally stabbed four Israeli women in Jerusalem on Sunday afternoon and seriously wounded another bystander, reportedly a child.

The assailant said he wanted to send a "message to Baker," in reference to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, who was to arrive Monday for talks with government leaders and Palestinians on resolving the Arab-Israeli and

Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

The attack occurred at a bus stop next to a playground in the western Jerusalem neighborhood of Kiryat Yovel. Three of the victims, who died on the spot, were identified as Rose Elyafour, 32; Mercedes Banita, 57; and Miriam Biton, 20.

A fourth victim, who died in the hospital, was not immediately identified. She was described as between 50 and 60 years of

age.

The assailant, himself wounded and captured by police, was identified as Mohammed Mustafa Abu-Ghala, 26, a nurse from the Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza. A blood-soaked 10-inch kitchen knife was found at the scene.

According to eyewitnesses, the attacker stepped out of a car and began stabbing people at random near the playground, which is home to the well-known "monster," a giant, free-form, multicolored sculpture on which children climb and slide. The playground was filled with children and their mothers at the time of the attack.

A passing police detective shot the assailant in the leg. He was rushed to Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, where he was treated and questioned. Police said he refused to co-operate.

Police Minister Ronni Milo promptly barred Arabs from the territories from entering Jerusalem "until further notice" and was considering extending the ban to all of Israel proper for the two days of Baker's visit.

The killings enraged Israelis, many of whom stormed through Kiryat Yovel and other sections of Jerusalem crying, "Death to the Arabs!" and "Revenge!"

They also shouted "Baker go home!" apparently because the U.S. administration espouses territorial compromise for peace, not a popular idea among many Israelis.

Palestinian leaders waiting for word from the U.S. Consulate in East Jerusalem whether Baker would meet with them seemed shocked and dismayed by the brutal killings.

The violent act signified that the recently dormant intifada was being revived. But the killings seemed more an act of a religious fundamentalist than the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The assailant, while chasing another young woman at a bus stop, had called out "Allahu akbar!" (God is great), a rallying cry of religious Moslems. He also comes from Gaza, where the Islamic fundamentalist organization Hamas holds sway.

Palestinian moderates seemed to be caught off balance by the quadruple murder.

Although PLO chief Yasser Arafat reportedly ordered a resumption of the Palestinian uprising, Arafat and the PLO have lost much credibility and have been widely condemned in many Arab states for supporting Saddam Hussein during the Persian Gulf seven-month crisis and six-week war.

Palestinian moderates had hoped Baker's visit would give them an opportunity to improve their image as credible partners in the peace process.

Less than two weeks ago, a yeshiva student was killed in the Old City's Moslem Quarter, where the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva is claiming to have bought two buildings.

Knesset member Geula Cohen of the right-wing Tehiya party, responding to the latest killings, claimed Sunday that U.S. President George Bush gave the "green light" for the killings when he endorsed the land-for-peace formula in his speech to a joint session of Congress last Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media spokesman, Avi Pazner, said this "disgusting act" showed how difficult it is to reach an agreement with people "who are capable of murdering innocent women and children."

The dovish Citizens Rights Movement expressed shock, saying the

murders "proved the Palestinians are their own worst enemies, because they ruin every chance for peace."

Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, a leading moderate likely to be included in a Palestinian group meeting with Baker, condemned the killings.

"It is against our nature

as Arabs to attack and kill women," he said.

But Moslem fundamentalists have been railing against any meeting with Baker. During Friday prayers, the Moslem clergy using the loudspeakers on mosques, warned that the "death penalty" awaited anyone who would meet with Baker.

Kuwait, West Bank not comparable, says CIC's Kahn

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In the weeks leading up to the Persian Gulf land war, spokesmen for the Palestinian cause repeatedly decried what they saw as a "double standard" in the enforcement of UN resolutions on Iraq and Israel.

Why was the world community pressing Iraq to leave Kuwait while not enforcing numerous resolutions calling on Israel to withdraw from the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights, they asked.

But Simon Kahn, director of public affairs for the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), says comparing the two situations is "a complete lie, a foul lie. . . It is obscuring the truth."

The 12 Security Council resolutions passed in the wake of the Iraqi invasion and annexation of Kuwait are mandatory, immediate and binding, Kahn said. They were passed under the UN Charter's Section 7, and represent only the second time the world body has designated any state an "aggressor" (the other was North Korea).

The two well-known Security Council resolutions aimed at the Arab/Israeli dispute — Resolutions 242 and 338 — do not brand Israel, or anyone else, an aggressor, he said.

Resolution 242, passed in the aftermath of the June 1967 Six Day War, was a recommendation of the Council that the parties to the dispute settle their differences. It set no timetable, was not unilateral in calling on one party to do certain things and, in fact, contemplated actions by both Israel and its Arab neighbors to settle the dispute.

Resolution 338, enacted following the October 1973 Yom Kippur War, calls for a ceasefire in that conflict, for the immediate implementation of Resolution 242 and for negotiations "between the parties concerned."

Neither of the resolutions mentions the PLO or the Palestinian people as such. The only reference to the latter is in 242, which "affirms . . . the necessity for achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem."

Kahn said that under 242, the Security Council



Mark Heller

does call for "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict."

But in the same section, it also calls for "termination of all claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."

There is nothing in 242 that is unconditional, immediate and complete, agreed Mideast analyst Mark Heller. It is a set of guidelines within the context of which a deal could be worked out, he said.

Heller, a senior fellow at the Canadian International Institute for Peace and Security, said that after debate, the Security Council turned down draft resolutions circulated by the Arabs and Soviets which called for a complete Israeli withdrawal.

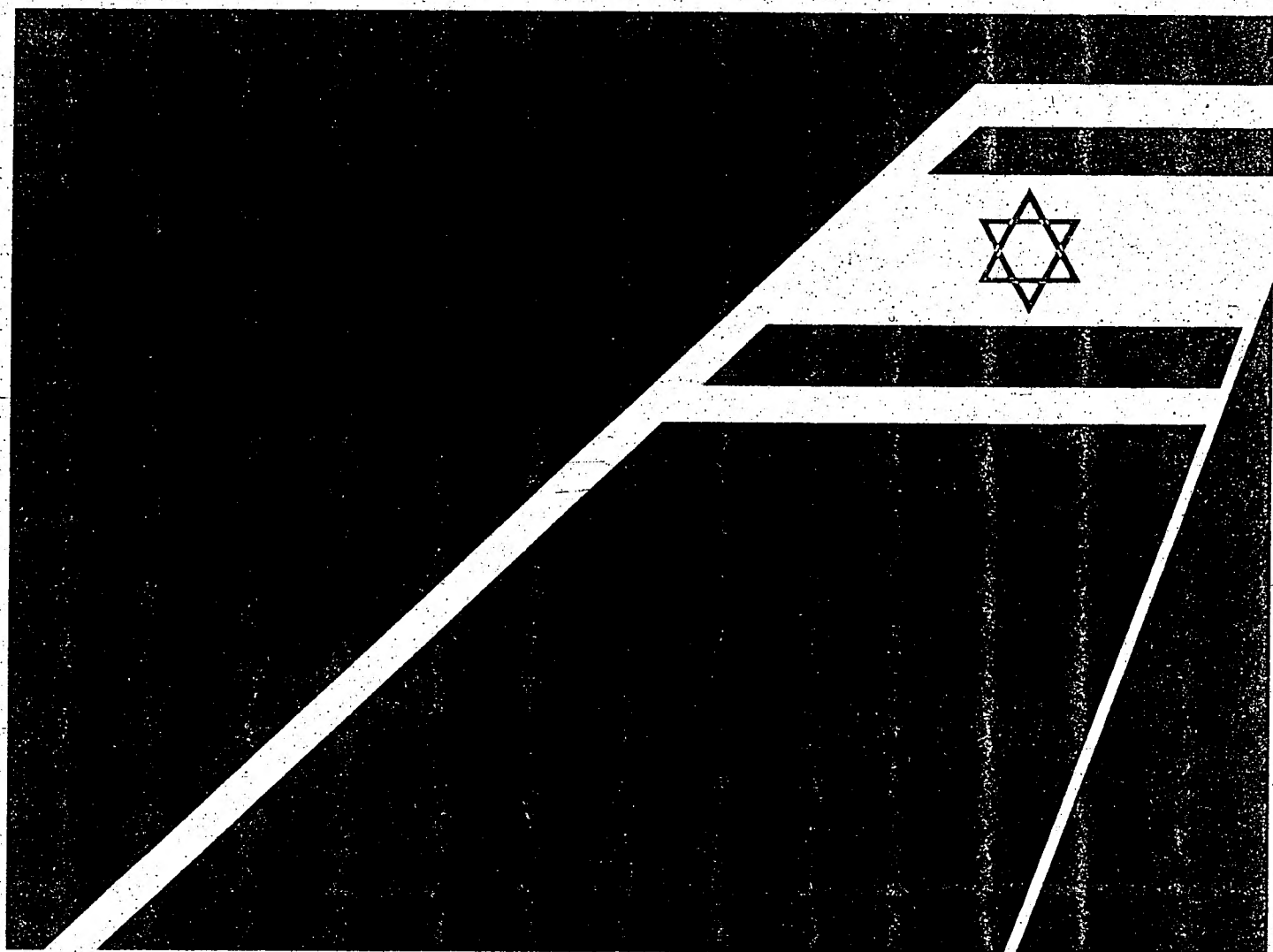
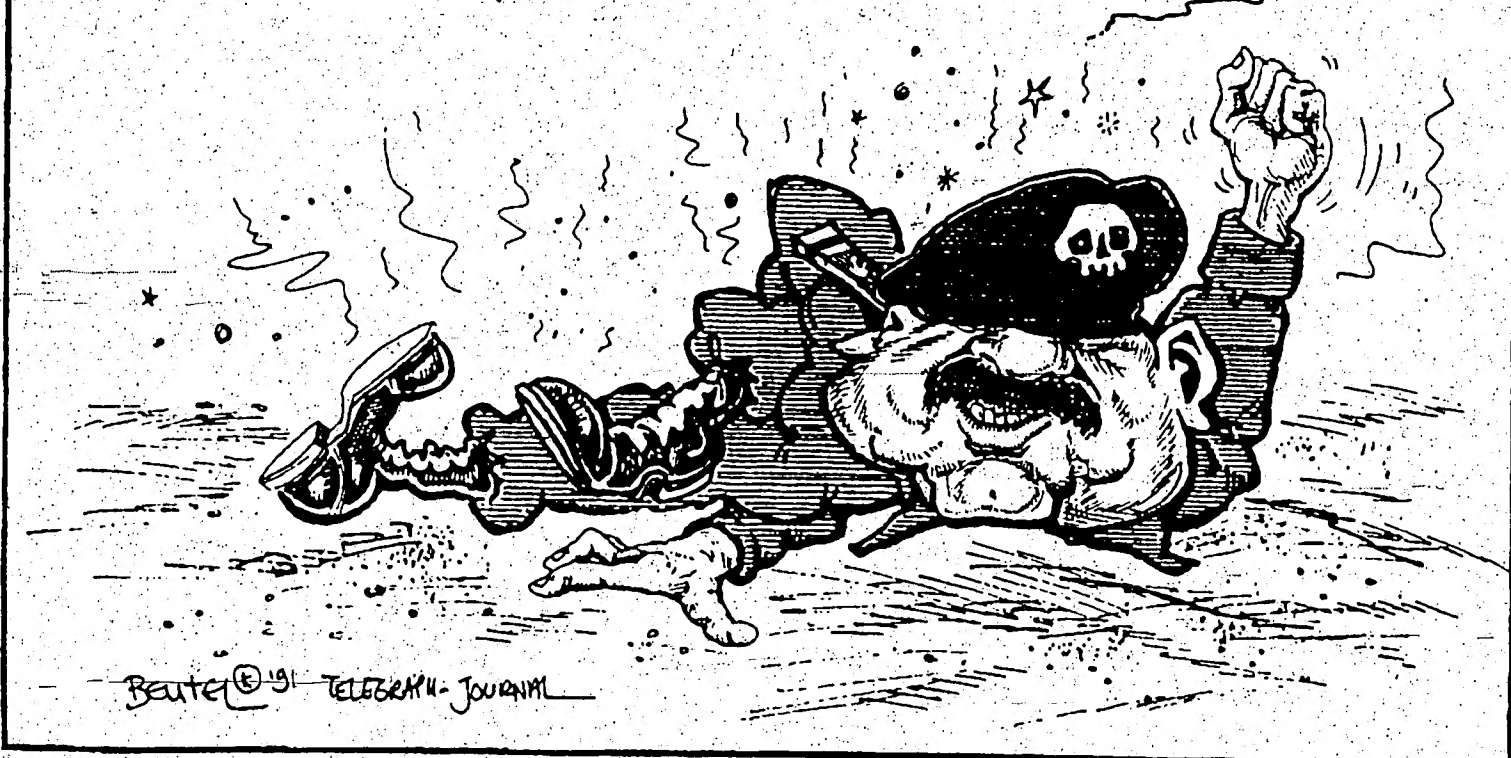
The final language adopted by the Security Council refers to Israeli withdrawal "from territories," after it rejected use of "the territories," which could imply complete Israeli withdrawal, he said.

The aim of that subtle use of language was to leave room for bargaining as to new borders in the region, he said.

Heller said numerous other UN resolutions were passed on the Arab/Israeli conflict, but most were advanced by the General Assembly and none of them are binding.

Neither Resolution 242 or 338 calls for an international peace conference, which Israel's government fears would lead to widespread pressure on it to make concessions, Heller added.

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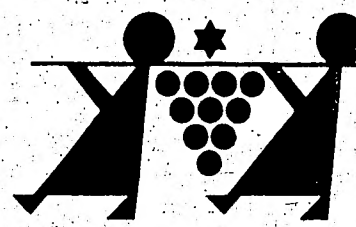
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CBS reporter Simon released from Iraqi jail

LONDON (JTA) —

CBS television news reporter Bob Simon was worried that his Jewishness might cost him his life during the six weeks he and three colleagues were prisoners of the Iraqis while the Gulf War raged.

"I thought my number was up when they started accusing me of being a member of Mossad [the Israeli intelligence service]," said Simon, who is normally based in Tel Aviv.

He said his captors "kept shouting 'Yehudi, Yehudi' at me."

"I was more worried about my Jewishness than my Tel Aviv posting," the American newsman told reporters at the Humana Wellington Hospital in Northwest London, where he was admitted for medical check-ups and

treatment.

Simon and three members of his television crew were captured by an Iraqi patrol on the Saudi-Kuwaiti border four days after the Gulf War started on Jan. 17. They were released on March 2.

Simon said that after their capture, the four men were taken to the southern Iraqi city of Basra, where they were brutally beaten, and then to an army prison camp for eight days, where discipline was severe but some kindness was shown.

Afterward they were put in solitary confinement and interrogated for 24 days.

Simon also described his ordeal on the CBS television show "60 minutes".

"An army guy, a captain — he had two stars, which is a captain in the Iraqi army — he grabbed me by

the face, forced my mouth open and said, 'Yehudi, Yehudi,' which means Jewish, and then spit at me and slapped me. This sixth instinct that every anti-Semite has ever had — 'Jew, dirty Jew.' I didn't think he would shoot me. I could have killed him. I would have killed him if I could have. I would have killed him and I would have had no more remorse than I had every morning when I got up and killed a cockroach in my room."

Simon, who lives in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, and has visited every Arab country neighboring Israel, said he and his crew had no passports when they were captured, only Saudi press cards and an International Red Cross card.

He said he did not respond to the shouting and insults of his Iraqi interrogators and they did not seem to expect an answer.

"Their techniques were crude and simple. They asked me my name, my wife's and daughter's name, and said that if I wanted to see them again, I should talk. But they seemed confused about their aims and how to achieve them," Simon said.

His French Catholic wife, Francoise, said she was shocked at her husband's appearance when she met his convoy at a Jordanian border post.

But Dr. Stuart Sanders, who examined the reporter and his crew, said the four men were dirty, disheveled, tired and disoriented when they got off their plane in London.

But apart from some bruises, there is remarkably little wrong with them, the physician said.



SEPHARDI SOLIDARITY MISSION

Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Nessim Gaon, president of the World Sephardi Federation, enjoy each other's company at a dinner here marking the conclusion of an international Sephardi "solidarity mission" to Israel. [Robert Cumins photo]

Israel, Palestinians to get aid from EC

BRUSSELS (JTA) —

The European Community has agreed to a \$300 million package to compensate Israel and the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for their economic losses arising from the Persian Gulf War.

The 12 EC foreign ministers on March 5 approved a \$210 million loan to Israel and a \$90 million grant to the Palestinians.

The "symmetric" aid to both Israelis and Palestinians, first proposed by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of Germany, was approved in principle last month, but no amount was set at the time.

The amount was the subject of debate by the EC foreign ministers, who were acting on a proposal submitted by the European Commission, the EC executive body. A initial proposed sum of \$335 million, mentioned over the weekend by French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, apparently was scaled back by reducing the Palestinian grant by \$45 million.

At the same time, the EC agreed to subsidize the interest on the Israeli loan in the amount of \$40 million from its own budget. The loan will be offered at prevailing market rates.

It is intended to help Israel restore its balance of payments, which suffered from reduced exports and a sharp drop in tourism attributable directly to the Persian Gulf crisis.

The Palestinians are to be compensated for the economic losses they suffered as a result of prolonged curfews and other restrictions, which kept them from their jobs in Israel proper, and the loss of remittances from Kuwait, where many held jobs.

Their aid will be channeled through Palestinian banks and agricultural co-operatives. It will be earmarked to improve eco-

nomic and social conditions, including the construction of Palestinian schools and hospitals in the territories.

The European Commission also proposed to facilitate the entry of more Palestinian agricultural products into the European market.

There were no conditions attached to the aid package. But diplomatic sources here said the EC foreign ministers share the French view that it is "time for Israel to accept the presence in the territories of a representative of the EC Commission."

Set to visit Stern College

CJN's Wisse to give lecture

NEW YORK —

Author Dr. Ruth Wisse, a professor of Yiddish and comparative literature and Judaic studies at McGill University in Montreal, will deliver the 19th Annual Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lecture March 11 at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women in midtown Manhattan.

Wisse will speak on, "Internalizing Politics: Naval Warfare of the Jews," at 8 p.m. in Louis Koch Auditorium, 245 Lexington Ave. at 34th Street. The lecture is free and open to the public.

At McGill, she holds the Montreal Jew-

ish Community Chair in Jewish Studies, in addition to teaching literature. Wisse is also an editor and author of six books, the latest of which is *A Little Love in Big Manhattan*, a literary criticism of Yiddish literature.

She is a CJN columnist, a regular contributor to *Commentary Magazine* and was president from 1985-88 of the Association for Jewish Literature.

For further information about the Rogoff lecture, contact Dr. Jeffrey Gurock, academic assistant to the president at Yeshiva University, at (212) 960-5251.



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War crimes unit suffers setback

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In the procedure that followed, Reistetter pleaded not guilty and now cannot be charged for the same offence again, even if further evidence is found.

Reistetter had been charged with kidnapping 3,000 Jews in Bardejov, Czechoslovakia and sending them to Nazi camps in 1942 while he was a mem-

ber of the paramilitary Hlinka Guard.

Reacting to the dismissal of charges, Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger called it "a setback in the process of bringing Nazi war criminals to justice," while Congress and B'nai Brith Canada both urged the government to accelerate the process of bringing war crimes suspects to justice.

"An unfortunate convergence of events precipitated this decision (to dismiss)," Scheininger said. "We have been assured again by officials in Ottawa that it is still business as usual on this matter."

But for Littman, "the war crimes prosecution process is in a shambles at this point."

He questioned claims from war crimes prosecutors that the deaths of witnesses and of an expert historian made the decision to drop the case necessary. Experts are not irreplaceable, Littman said, adding he knows of a U.S.-based eyewitness who was ready to testify.

When reached by telephone in Los Angeles, 81-year-old Marcus Lowy said it was "very wrong" to drop the charges against Reistetter. "Sure I was surprised. There's no question I was surprised," he said.

Lowy said he told Canadian investigators that he knew Reistetter and could identify him.

He said he was ready to testify to that effect, but would only do so in the summer, because ill health prevented him from coming to Canada during bad weather. Two years ago, while in Toronto, he was hospitalized for two days because of a heart ailment, he added.

Peter Kremer, head of the war crimes unit, said there is no unwillingness to investigate and prosecute alleged war criminals.

But since charges were brought in the Reistetter case 15 months ago, two eyewitnesses and the expert historian had died. Some witnesses declined to testify and others were found to be relying on second-hand information which would be inadmissible in court.

Kremer said an interview with Lowy, who was "felt to be an important witness," showed that some of his information also was based on what he had been told by others. Kremer said "I am not prepared to say

what he told us."

As a result of its investigation, the war crimes unit drew up a recommendation that was brought before federal Attorney General Kim Campbell. "The minister selected the option to proceed the way we did," Kremer said.

David Matas, senior counsel for B'nai Brith, said prosecutors could have simply stayed (put in abeyance) the charges, rather than proceed in a way that prevents bringing the Reistetter case before the courts in the future.

He too was critical of the war crimes unit, saying "it could be doing more and doing it more quickly."

But he attributed the unit's difficulties to having to cover fresh ground in a new field.

Since the Criminal Code was amended in 1987 to allow for war crimes prosecutions, only two people other than Reistetter have been charged: the first, former Hungarian gendarme captain Imre Finta, was acquitted on all charges last May (that case is now under appeal), while the case against Michael Pawlowski has yet to go to trial.

In Vancouver, a decision in the Jacob Luitjens denaturalization case is pending almost two years after it was heard.

Matas believes the war crimes cases represent "a whole new way of thinking on international human rights," and the bench and lawyers don't know how to deal with it yet.

"These problems are not systemic. They're the underbrush that has to be cleared away," Matas said, but there is little time to do so because of the ages of witnesses.

U.S. urges territorial compromise

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That fits Baker's announced two-track pursuit of the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

But he and Bush insist that the foundation of these endeavors must be territorial compromise by Israel.

A "comprehensive peace" must be grounded in "the principle of territory for peace," Bush said in

a March 6 address to a joint session of Congress.

Shamir was quoted Sunday night as saying that the United States had not yet "made demands of Israel which it cannot live with. But if there are such demands," he added, "we shall stand firmly against them."

Also on Sunday, the Executive of the opposition Labor Party met in Tel Aviv to reconcile conflicting peace plans that had been espoused by its two

top leaders, Shimon Peres and Rabin.

The end result was a plan that calls for talks with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, as Peres had recommended, leading to an entity that would be confederated with Jordan and possibly Israel. But the Executive rejected the idea of an international peace conference, which Peres had indicated he was prepared to accept.

Meanwhile, reports from Saudi Arabia, where Baker met over the weekend with foreign ministers from eight Arab nations, indicated a convergence of views by America and its Arab allies on such items as regional security, weapons proliferation and economic co-operation.

But apart from welcoming the U.S. espousal of territorial compromise, America's Arab allies do not agree with Washington's push for direct peace talks with Israel. The Arabs insist on an international peace conference under UN auspices, an approach Israel has long rejected.

Owner of Winnipeg Jets labelled as "whining" Jew

By PAUL LUNGEN

WINNIPEG —

A Winnipeg city councillor last week suggested that a number of Winnipeggers do not want to do business with the city's hockey team because its president, and minority owner, Barry Shenkarow, is Jewish.

Shenkarow is seen by some as a "whining Jewish businessman who's out trying to gouge everybody," said Don Mitchelson, who is also president of Winnipeg Enterprises Corp., part owner of the Jets.

Mitchelson's comments, which caused a stir in the city, were made in an interview with two students working on a high school journalism project. They passed a tape of the interview to the *Winnipeg Free Press*, the city's major daily paper, which gave it prominent coverage.

Mitchelson, who said he was not prejudiced against Jews, said anti-Semitism is one source of Shenkarow's image problem. "It's a sad commentary on the city, but there is an awful lot of anti-Semitism in the city just the same as there's a lot of people against East Indians."

"Quite frankly, Jewish

people are still being persecuted..." Mitchelson is quoted as saying.

Shenkarow declined to comment on the statements, but Mike O'Hearn, director of communications for the Jets, said he didn't think Shenkarow gave them much credence.

But the comments have upset people since "it puts a black eye on Winnipeg," he told The CJN.

Robert Freedman, executive director of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC), said the city's "sports writers are having a field day on it. But the fact is that Mitchelson gives the impression he has information, probably anecdotal, where people made comments about Shenkarow being Jewish."

As president and governor of the city's NHL franchise, Shenkarow has been in the public eye for years with his call for a new arena to house the Jets. Arguing the existing facility is outdated, Shenkarow has said the team needs a new arena to make it financially viable.

He has advocated construction of a new facility in the city's downtown area, to be financed privately. Without it the team may be sold or moved, Shenkarow has said.

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PC policy said counterproductive

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

The apparent policy flip-flop between Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark on the role of the PLO in the Middle East peace process is causing consternation and confusion in many circles both here and abroad.

And, what's more, say the critics, is that it's needless, counterproductive and will eventually do more damage to Canada's international peacekeeping credibility than its recent military participation in the Gulf War.



Brian Mulroney

"Either Joe Clark is out of step with the government and should be removed, or it's a deliberate plan by the government to be all things to all people," said Liberal MP Jim Peterson. "It's the only explanation."

Clarifying comments made Thursday by the prime minister in the House of Commons hasn't allayed the frustration either.

"It's not very effective for Canada to appear to not operate in a very competent

way," said NDP defence critic John Brewin. "They should get their act together."

What's manifest is a less than effective and a distinct lack of coordination, said Brewin.

The kerfuffle began with Clark's arrival in Amman, Jordan. Responding to a reporter's question on whether it was possible for a Middle East settlement to be achieved without the PLO, Clark replied:

"There has to be a, be a representation, authoritative representation by Palestinians and it will be Palestinians themselves who are best placed to determine who their representative, who their authoritative representative should be. As far as we are concerned, the PLO retains an important role in these matters. Its authority, I think, has been, has been diminished by this war... but it nonetheless retains an important role."

The following day, Mulroney rose in the House to answer Liberal external affairs critic Lloyd Axworthy's questions about Clark's comments.

His reply (in Hansard): "Obviously any durable resolution of this matter will require discussion between Israel and the Palestinians on the one hand, and Israel and its Arab neighbors on the other. The Palestinian people, as I have indicated in the past, will choose their leaders and their organizations in regard to any participation."

"... anyone who has looked at the position of the current leadership of the PLO, particularly in its

support of Saddam Hussein and its cheering of Scud missiles as they rained on Israel, would have to conclude that the PLO and its leader, Mr. Arafat, have been substantially if not completely discredited as a result of their own actions."

"Our strong dissatisfaction with the PLO position and statements on the Gulf crisis has been stressed over recent months during official contacts in this regard. We acknowledge that there is an important role for the Palestinians to choose their own leadership, but our enthusiasm for the present PLO leadership is zero."



Joe Clark

One source close to the prime minister attributed this waffling to different styles. "We've been through this before. They often speak in a different tone and a different language."

"They certainly do things differently."

Carleton University political science professor

John Sigler agrees. "It's been an awkward relationship from the beginning," he said.

"Mulroney has no diplomatic sense about international policy. He's a street-fighter and he sees [these issues] in the same way."

"On the question of the Middle East, there is a very frosty relationship between the Prime Minister's Office and External Affairs," Sigler said.

Clark has thrown himself into the arena in the Pearsonian tradition, and a close relationship has developed between the minister and the external affairs bureaucracy, said Sigler. "This visit [to the region] was very carefully prepared," he said.

Clark's comments reflect an international outlook and a local/regional context (he visited West Bank Palestinians the next day), whereas Mulroney is concerned about domestic national politics and Washington's reaction, said Sigler.

"The media loves these tiffs," he said.

Sigler believes that Clark has already made headway in the region by establishing a rapport with Jordan's King Hussein, and relaying information and concerns to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker.

"He will be listened to when he comes back," said Sigler. "I don't think Clark is so far out of line as Brian Mulroney thinks he is."

Opportunities for improved ties are real: Clark

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would prove equally effective.

"I think the world has proven that it can work together constructively," he said. "That presents an opportunity to apply that precedent to other issues."

Clark said he believed there is a very real opportunity for progress to be made in relations between Israel and the Palestinians, and between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Although his meetings with various Arab leaders produced no concrete initiatives towards peace with Israel, Clark said he was "encouraged by the constructive attitudes" he encountered.

"It would be tragic if the opportunities created in the aftermath of the Gulf War are not expedited," he said.

He also added that now is the time to address other issues such as inequities of wealth in the region, and the need to extend the practice of democracy.

"My view is that while Saddam Hussein failed terribly and drove the world to terrible consequences, he was successful in identifying himself with some real causes, which he used as propaganda among Arabs and even some of the

Third World. There is no question that some of these issues, such as disparities of wealth, are real concerns that will have to be dealt with."

During his meetings with both Shamir and Levy, Clark said he relayed "the profound pride that Canadians felt in the reaction of the people of Israel to the extraordinary provocation of the Scud missiles."

"Canada is a strong friend of Israel, not least because Israel has always demonstrated itself as a moral force in the world, and I think the strength and determination of the people of Israel was never more prominent than it was resisting the provocation of Iraqi attacks."

During his meeting with the prime minister, Clark presented the Canadian government's proposals for encouraging peace and stability in the region, which he said would be "pursued vigorously" by Canada.

High on the agenda was arms control, with a call for a world summit. Clark also presented the first of what is to be an annual report of all arms exported by Canada, and said he hoped that other countries would emulate Canada's example.

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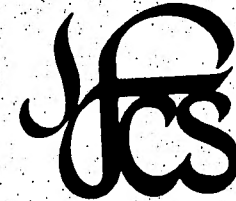
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CIC unconcerned by apparent rift

By
RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

Despite mixed signals last week from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark on the PLO's role in Arab-Israeli peace efforts, the Canada-Israel Committee is satisfied Ottawa does not have a two-tiered policy on the Middle East.

"What appears to be happening and what is happening may not be the same," the CIC's Simon Kahn told The CJN.

Although Clark's statements calling for the PLO's participation in Arab-Israeli peace talks are "disappointing," they do not represent a significant shift in Canadian policy, Kahn feels.

He said Mulroney's statements — that the PLO and its leader, Yasser Arafat, have been "substantially, if not completely discredited" because of their support of Iraq in the Gulf War, and that Ottawa's "enthusiasm for the current [PLO] leadership is zero" — are closer to the CIC's stance.

Kahn said it's possible both statements reflect government policy.

He added that ultimately, it's the prime minister who speaks on behalf of Canada.

"We're very satisfied with the prime minister's statement. If there was any confusion, that set the record straight."

Kahn said he didn't think the contradictory statements from Clark and Mulroney represent a major split between them on the Middle East.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger called Clark's comments "astonishing."

In a statement later, CIC referred to the minister's remarks as "distressing," given the PLO's support of Saddam Hussein.

Mulroney's remarks "seemed to clarify" the government's position, CJC said.

B'nai Brith Canada called on Clark to "get in line" with government policy on the PLO.

The Jewish service group called the disagreement between Clark and Mulroney embarrassing and said Clark will be ineffective in dealing with Israel as long as he sticks to his views on the PLO.

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Joint venture for survivors' testimonies

Yale, Massuah Centre launch Holocaust video library

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TEL AVIV —

A historic link was established recently by Yale University and the Massuah Centre for Holocaust Education in Israel for the

further development of a video library of Holocaust survivor testimonies that both institutions will share.

"We are very proud that Yale University has acknowledged the excellence of Massuah and that this joint venture has been un-

dertaken to permanently record these monumental events," said Alex Grossman, chairman of the Canadian Friends of Massuah.

The Canadian group has funded the Canada House audiovisual centre at Mas-

suah in which these videotapes and other pedagogical materials will be stored for use by students, teachers and researchers. Grossman is also a founder of the Massuah Centre, which is located on the Tel Yitzhak

kibbutz grounds near Netanya.

Among the executive members of the Canadian Friends are Mendel Green and Harvey Solursh.

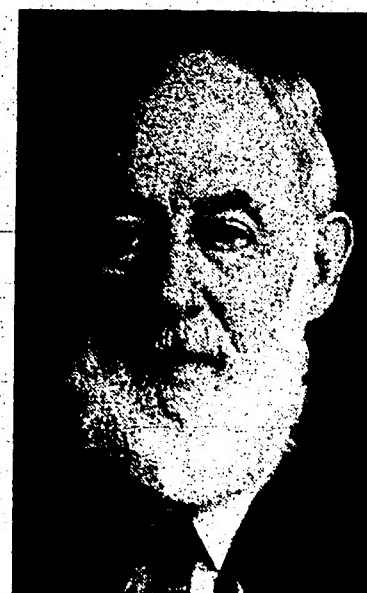
Israeli and foreign students come to Massuah for intensive courses on the Holocaust, including the decades prior to and following the destruction of most of Europe's Jewish communities.

The staff is multilingual and specially trained in imparting vital and sensitive information to young people of various backgrounds and capabilities.

This year, a new dimension has been added with the development of special courses for Soviet immigrants, most of whom have very little knowledge about the Holocaust.

The curriculum has been designed in co-operation with specialists from the University of Tel Aviv and Hebrew University.

A similar understanding had been reached at Yale University which, in 1982, established the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies with a start-up grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation and major funding



Prof. Geoffrey Hartman

from Alan M. Fortunoff.

By 1989, the collection numbered over 1,200 testimonies and educational films related to Holocaust studies. It is housed in Yale's Sterling Memorial Library.

Prof. Geoffrey Hartman, the Karl Young professor of English and comparative literature at Yale and himself a survivor, serves as faculty advisor of the archives. Born in Germany, Hartman was one of the many European Jewish children spirited into England at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Under the agreement signed by Yale and Massuah, video-taping will be done of Holocaust sur-

vivors now residing in Israel, with master copies of the tapes prepared for both institutions. In addition, abbreviated versions will be prepared for use by schools, libraries and teacher organizations.

Until now, Hartman has concentrated primarily on survivors in the United States and Europe. The Israeli tapes will add an additional dimension to his already vast collection.

The construction of "Canada House" at Massuah is nearing completion and portions of the structure are already in use.

Canadian supporters have also helped fund additional dormitories and the refurbishing of existing dormitories, lecture halls and the museum. Israeli students participate during the high school year, with many schools having incorporated the course as a component of their modern history programs.

Foreign students attend during the summer months. Students from Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Institute and the Herzliya High School of Montreal have been attending each summer for the past few years.

Syria purchases Scud missiles

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The defeat of Iraq apparently has not ended the Scud missile threat to Israel.

Israeli military sources said Thursday that Syria is obtaining North Korean Scud C missiles that are more accurate than the Iraqi-made Scuds launched at Israel during the six-week Persian Gulf War.

The Scud C has a range of over 300 miles, and is much more accurate. Launchers deployed deep inside Syria could reach targets in southern Israel, the sources quoted by Israel Radio said.

Moreover, the Syrians are said to have the ability to tip the new Scuds with chemical weapons they have developed, the sources said.

The same capability was attributed to the Iraqis, but all 39 missiles they launched at Israel carried conventional warheads.

Military sources said it has been known for some time that Syria was trying to obtain an improved version of the Scuds, which were originally designed in the Soviet Union.

After Moscow rejected Damascus' bid to purchase Soviet-built SS-23 missiles, the Damascus government turned to North Korea for improved Scuds. A shipload of Korean missiles has already arrived in Syria and another is on the way, the Israeli sources said.

The report that Syria is building a Scud missile arsenal coincides with debates in and outside of government circles over whether the time is ripe for peace negotiations with Syria. Once regarded by the West as leader of the Arab rejectionist bloc and a supporter of international terrorism, Syria was part of the U.S.-led coalition that defeated Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The Israeli military sources said Damascus is trying to improve relations with the United States because the economic, political and military power of the Soviet Union is declining.

The sources said the new thinking in Damascus has not altered Syria's attitude toward the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts. But more reasonable statements about resolving those problems have been heard from Syria lately.

The idea of Syria as a possible negotiating partner has been advanced by Foreign Minister David Levy, who believes Israel should launch a peace initiative in the aftermath of the Gulf War.



An Israeli soldier guards a building hit by a Scud missile in Tel Aviv. (IPPA photo)

Tax Tips for your 1990 Return

"Why should I file a tax return if I don't owe anything?"

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Got some tips?

First, look in the Guide that comes in your tax package. It gives you step-by-step instructions and helpful tax tips. Read the explanations for the lines that apply to you, and ignore those that don't. If your income situation hasn't changed much from last year, you can use last year's return as a reference.

What if I have questions?

If you can't find the answers in the Guide, you can call the people at Revenue Canada. The best times to get through

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What other services are available?

You can visit Seasonal Tax Assistance Centres in convenient locations, like shopping malls, for information, guides and forms. See your local newspaper for times and locations. There's also a video called "Stepping Through Your Tax Return" that you can borrow from public libraries or your district taxation office.

Anything I should watch for?

Make sure all the personal information printed on your return is correct, especially your address. Before you start, make sure you have all your receipts and information slips. Check your calculations, and attach all the information that's asked for in the return. These steps will help avoid delays in getting your refund.

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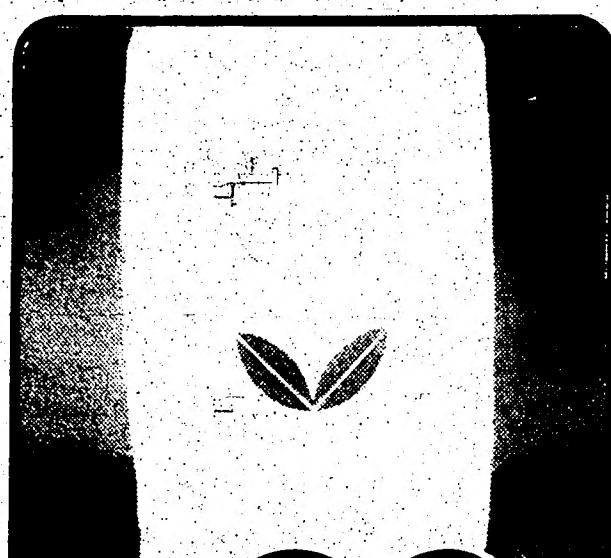
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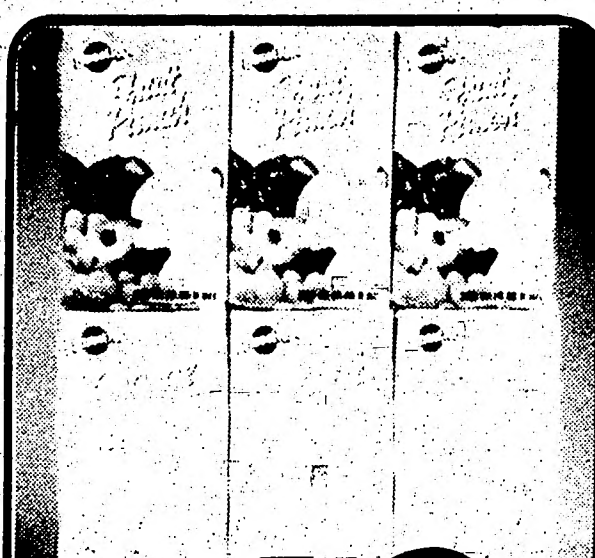
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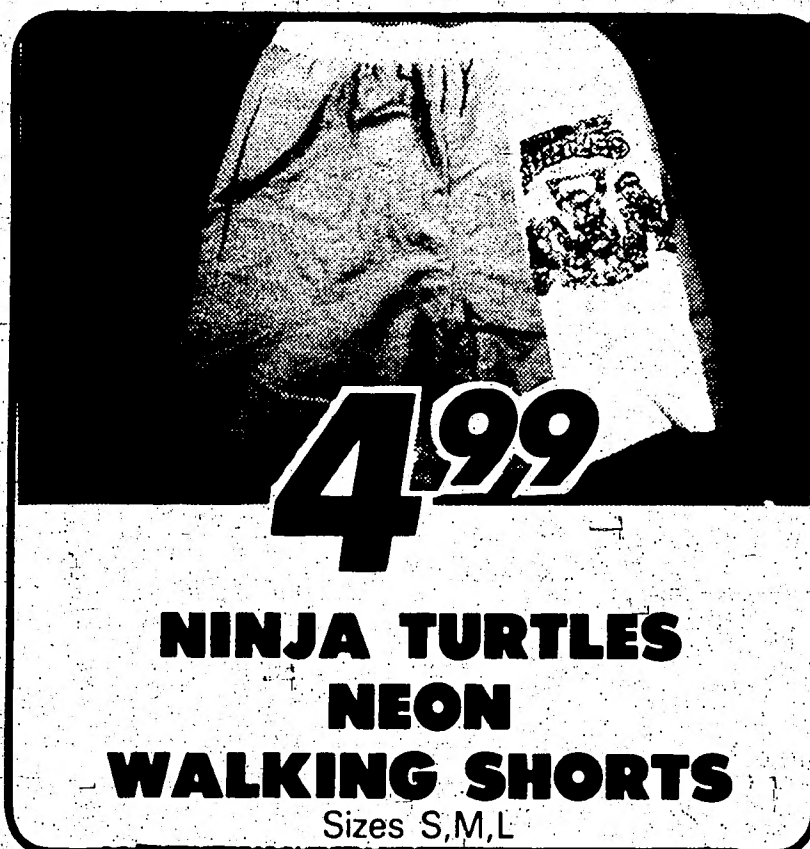
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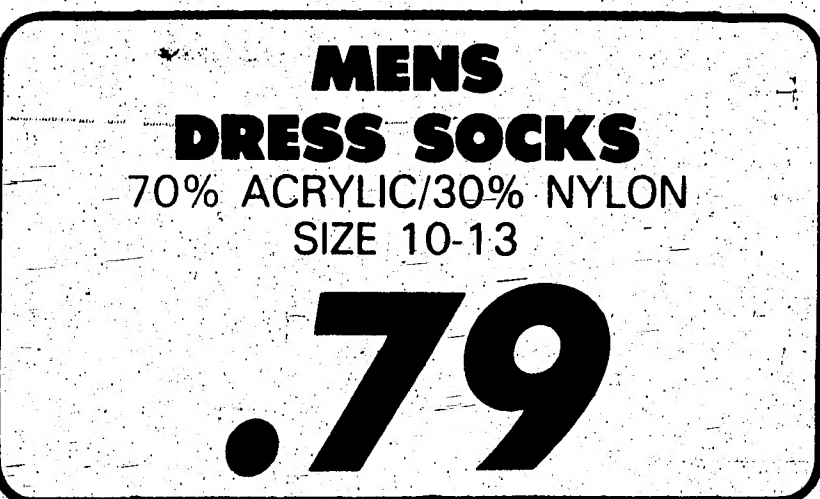
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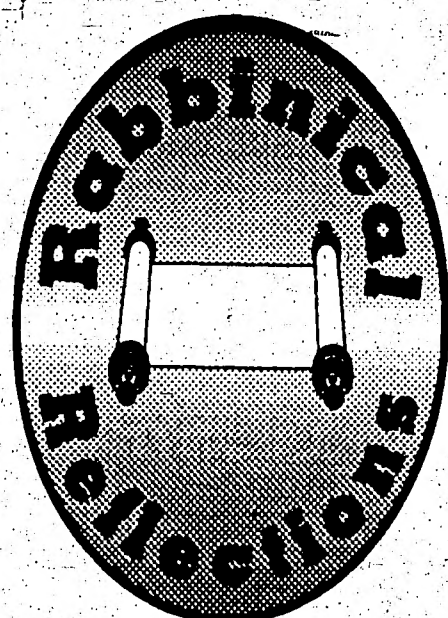
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Jewish Life

Defining good key to figuring out evil



By

RABBI REUBEN J. POUPKO

During the Persian Gulf crisis, articles analysing the psyche of Saddam Hussein appeared in many newspapers and magazines. The purpose of these articles was to explain how a person could behave with such total disregard for basic human values. The writers often referred to sketchy biographical data to illuminate the recesses of Saddam's mind. The goal of these endeavors was to explain evil.

The fascination with evil is nothing new. While evil may threaten and terrify, it also fascinates. While everyday crimes motivated by greed or lust are understandable by most, there seems to exist a pure form of evil which is inscrutable. Whether the personality in question is Adolf Hitler, Ted Bundy or Saddam Hussein, there is a natural inclination to try to describe the evil personality.

It may be useful to those who wish to define evil to first define its opposite. What then is the definition of good? Goodness, I believe, springs from an intuitive desire to create. Good people in varying degrees are blessed with an urge to build and be productive. The great achievements of the modern world came from those whose great intelligence was matched by a great creative urge. Charity and kindness to others springs from a desire to build not only for oneself, but for others, and to enhance the creative and productive capabilities of our fellow man.

Thankfully most of us are blessed with this desire to create. Most of us are motivated to achieve in our own chosen endeavors. We enjoy the satisfaction that comes from creating something new.

Evil, on the other hand, is so difficult to understand because it is the opposite of what we are. It speaks highly of us that evil is so incomprehensible. If it were understandable to us, we would be closer to it. Just as most of us receive satisfaction from creating, those who are evil get "pleasure" from destroying. While most of us would enjoy planting a flower and watching it grow, those who are evil will enjoy ripping it out of the ground. Although the artist enjoys painting a masterpiece, the evil ones enjoy defacing it. This is a joy that we will never understand.

When the Talmud tells us "whoever empathizes with the evil doer, will in the end himself be evil," the Talmud is simply saying that if we can understand evil, one runs the risk of becoming evil. Our inability to understand evil safeguards us from becoming evil.

A form of evil which itself has been exposed to great analysis is anti-Semitism. There have been a great number of theories expressed as to the nature and causes of anti-Semitism. Among them are jealousy, religion, economics, hatred of the stranger and ignorance. But anti-Semitism has occurred in so many different lands, under so many different conditions, that all of these explanations fall short.

The simpler and truest explanation is the following. The Jew represents a vibrant and creative force in the world. Wherever we have travelled, we have produced far out of proportion to our numbers. If evil does enjoy destroying for the sake of destruction, then they enjoy as well destroying those who produce. To understand anti-Semitism, one simply has to witness a delinquent ripping flowers from a garden. We, the Jewish people, represent the flowers of the world. We are the ones who bring light, truth, creativity to the world. For reasons we can never understand, the evil doer wants to bring darkness and destruction. Too often he focuses his energy on those who produce the most — the Jews.

We will never be able to solve the problem of anti-Semitism. As long as there is evil in the world, there will be anti-Semitism. Our task is to keep on being productive and to bring so much light into the world, the darkness is finally obliterated.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko is the spiritual leader of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation, Montreal.



PRAYING FOR PEACE

An elderly rabbi of the Belz ultra-Orthodox sect recites prayers with his gas mask by his side in their yeshiva in the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Mea Shearim. During the war, prayers in the yeshiva continued 24 hours a day, even during an Iraqi Scud missile attack. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Third tractate to be started

NEW YORK —

The third tractate of this 10th cycle of Daf Yomi, Pesachim, will be begun by students across the world on — appropriately enough — the 2nd of Nisan (March 17), the month of Pesach. As such, potential participants and those who may have lapsed in the long and arduous march through Tractate Erubin are being urged to take the opportunity to make — or renew —

the personal commitment to the Daf Yomi regimen, particularly now.

The call of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages) of America for increased Torah in these tense times facing the Jewish people gave added impetus to the efforts of the Daf Yomi Commission of Agudath Israel of America in its expanded activities to spread the daily Talmud study program.

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continent through the force of Torah study.

Thousands of new students have joined daily Daf Yomi study in the past half year, with last April's momentous Ninth Siyum HaShas held all over the world including Toronto, Montreal, one at New York's Madison Square Garden, attended by 20,000 people, and one in Lublin, Poland, at the site of the original Daf Yomi.

Agudath Israel organization opens offices in Moscow

MOSCOW —

Full-time offices of the Agudath Israel World Organization were formally opened in Moscow at the end of February, to further the Orthodox Jewish movement's growing number of projects in the fields of religious education and social welfare.

Agudath Israel's Va'ad L'Hatzolas Nidchei Yisroel has been active in the Soviet Union for the past 10 years. Many of the "graduates" of those early days have already emigrated to Israel, where a sizable number are still being helped with monthly stipends, allowing them to pursue advanced Torah studies and to establish an outreach network to other Soviet immigrants.

Several have been enlisted to come to the United States to form the nucleus of a Russian-born leadership for a developing Soviet religious communi-

ty in America. Others have even returned to the Soviet Union, to help staff Torah seminars as well as ongoing projects.

The ability to send Russian-speaking emissaries back to the Soviet Union to help educate the next "generation" of observant Soviet Jews represents a significant step for the Agudath Israel project.

The new Agudath Israel office in Moscow will help co-ordinate the activities of these "shlichim" and expand upon their work, as well as create a direct liaison between work in the Soviet Union, Israel, and the United States.

Approval for the office was granted by the Moscow City Council's Committee for Freedom of Conscience and Religion, after several months of groundwork on behalf of Agudath Israel by Sasha

(Sender) Rubinovich, a native Russian Jew who emigrated from the U.S.S.R. to Israel in the 1970's, later settled in the United States, and has now moved back to the Soviet Union to direct the Agudath Israel Moscow Office.

The registration of Agudath Israel as a public organization officially empowers it to organize a school, host seminars and lectures on Judaic subjects, provide assistance to the Jewish population and other ethnic groups, and undertake campaigns for charitable causes with other non-governmental organizations.

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Organizations and People

Headed by actress Margot Kidder

Women's peace group calls for Israeli-PLO talks

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Israel must negotiate with the PLO if that is the organization Palestinians choose to represent them, says a leading Jewish peace activist.

Israel cannot select who it will talk to, believes Ilith Rosenblum, a member of the Mother Courage Peace Tour, a campaign of Middle Eastern and North American women who are taking their message of peace in the Persian Gulf throughout the United States and Canada.

Headed by Canadian actress Margot Kidder, the tour includes Fida Abbo, an Iraqi woman representing Victims of War (VOW), Ellisar Sarrouh of the Palestinian Women's Association, two Americans and a French activist, and Rosenblum, who was billed as "an Israeli peace activist," but who has lived in New York City for the past 10 years.

During a Toronto stop last week, the women held court during an all-day "Gulf War Teach-in" sponsored by the Toronto Disarmament Network.

Mainly, they blasted the United States for what they called its war-mongering against Iraq and condemned the ceasefire in the gulf as not good enough.

"This is not peace," remarked Martha Swan of Madre, a women's group that is sponsoring the tour. "Peace is not the absence of war. Peace is negotiated and not imposed by one party over another."

Lynn Jones, a founder of the Boston-based Greenham Common Peace Camp and a mother of a U.S. Marine, slammed President George Bush for having said that America has finally kicked its "Vietnam syndrome."

Jones said 57,000 U.S. servicemen died in the Vietnam war, but since the war's end, 60,000 of its veterans have committed suicide.

Kidder wondered aloud, to wide applause, whether Bush would have bombed

Baghdad if the city was populated by white Christians.

"This was a racist war," she said.

However, rhetoric about Israel and Palestinians was surprisingly low.

Military strength proven

The panelists agreed that a lasting peace in the region will only be brought about by a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute, and there was only one comment on the issue from the audience.

Later, Rosenblum, who

was born in Jerusalem, told The CJN she fears for Israel's immediate future.

The PLO's support of Saddam Hussein during the war may lead to increased rigidity by Israel and an excuse to crush the intifada, she said.

But she feels Palestinians' support of Saddam was "a reaction of desperation." Saddam's sudden concern for Palestinians was "a total pretext," she conceded, but the bombing of Tel Aviv was also a pretext by Bush to escalate his war against Iraq, she said.

"Just like the Palestinians were used, we were used."

War, she said, has never increased Israel's security.

"Israel has proven its military strength. War has been its only real experience, and that hasn't worked. There is one op-

tion it hasn't tried yet, and that's the peace option."

Israel should speak to whomever the Palestinians pick, even if that means

reversing long-held policy and talking to the PLO, Rosenblum said.

"It's very arrogant for Israel to speak to who it

chooses. If the PLO is credible to the Palestinians, that's where the issue lies.

"Let's get started. Let's see what happens."



From left are actress and peace activist Margot Kidder, Ellisar Sarrouh of the Palestinian Women's Association and "Israeli" peace activist Ilith Rosenblum.

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Organizations and People

Israel's new deputy surgeon general welcomed

Mount Sinai, Bonds benefit from joint venture

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Israel suffered a loss of \$4.2 billion since the beginning of the war resulting in a "virtual shutdown" of the economy.

This was the challenge posed by Allan Silber, immediate past Ontario chairman, State of Israel Bonds, to a meeting at Mount Sinai Hospital honoring Israel's new incoming Deputy Surgeon General, Colonel Boaz I. Lev.

The meeting was held to promote the "double mitzvah" of Israel Bonds being purchased and donated to the capital expansion campaign of Mount Sinai Hospital.

Silber explained that the hospital has agreed to accept Israel Bonds as donations to the campaign, for which tax receipts will be issued, the money will be

immediately forwarded to Israel for settlement of Soviet olim, and the hospital will be able to use the Bonds as collateral.

Dr. Anna Day, president of Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Staff Association, told The CJN that the medical staff intends to raise \$1-million for the hospital and that half that objective has already been reached. More than 100 members of the medical staff attended the meeting.

"The area is fraught with other Saddams," Col. Lev said. "Syria has Scuds, Libya has Scuds. We have not heard the end of the story."

Israel is prepared to defend itself against bacteriological warfare, he said, declining to give other details on grounds of secrecy. The country also has all the medical supplies it needs to defend against chemical attacks.

"Our intelligence told us that Saddam had the capability to deliver chemical warheads. He decided not to. I don't know his logic but I can't argue with it."

Lev said the anxiety level was high in Israel during the war and "people were storming the emergency departments of the hospitals."

His own "aged and ailing mother" was unable to stand any more of the war after two weeks and went to Switzerland with his father. There his mother made a recovery, but on the day she left hospital, his father died.

On a lighter note, Lev told the story of a 14-year-old boy who had a kidney

transplant, went into a coma, and woke up after a day or two to see doctors and nurses in the intensive care ward with gas masks on. "Am I alive, or in the next world?" the boy asked.

"You are alive," a nurse assured him. "Your mother is waiting outside to see you. (Actually it was his aunt.) "My mother died five years ago. Now I know I'm in the next world," the boy said.

Harvey Solursh, Ontario chairman, Israel Bonds, said all proceeds of Bond sales are being used for the settlement of Soviet immigrants in Israel.

The chairman was Dr. Arnold Noyek.



The "Double Mitzvah" campaign sponsored by State of Israel Bonds and Mount Sinai Hospital was launched at a meeting honoring Israel's new deputy surgeon general. From left are Allan Silber, Col. Boaz Lev of Israel, Hy Isenbaum, Harvey Solursh and Dr. Arnold Noyek.

Distinct status opposed by CCCJ

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Expanding the number of groups entitled to special constitutional status is risky for Canada, says the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

In a brief submitted recently to the Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation, the council's Ontario region said that giving distinct status to more and more groups would weaken Canada and "break up the national standard."

Rather, the protection of the rights of all cultures and individuals should be entrenched in the constitution, the council told MPPs studying Ontario's role in Confederation.

The Constitution should stress that the protection of group rights is not at the expense of individual rights, Sheldon Godfrey and Jamshed Mavalwala of the council stated.

To do otherwise "would be a fundamentally restrictive change in the nature of the rights of Canada's cultural groupings [and] not in accordance with the traditions of this country."

"The risk is that today's special status for some could be tomorrow's second-class status for others."

In attempting to save Canada, politicians must be careful not to change its basic ideals so much that

traditions of freedom and equality for all are diminished, the council suggested.

The creation of a distinct society anywhere in the country, such as the one Quebec wanted during the Meech Lake debate, would breed inequality among cultural groups and would lead to some Canadians being "merely tolerated." Politicians, said the council, must not allow that to happen.

The presence of the notwithstanding clause in the Constitution may lead to the emergence of other distinct societies, it warned.

And simply coming up with a deal through compromise won't work either. Politicians "must work toward an ideal "and not find the lowest common denominator" among interest groups.

Canada has a long history of religious toleration, Godfrey and Mavalwala reminded the commission. Canadian Jews, they said, were emancipated in the 1760s, long before the United States and Britain accorded its Jews full rights.

Chaired by Toronto MPP Tony Silipo, the commission, which has spent a month touring Ontario to listen to concerns about Canada's future, is expected to recommend a better deal for native Canadians and a call for Canada to accommodate Quebec as much as possible.

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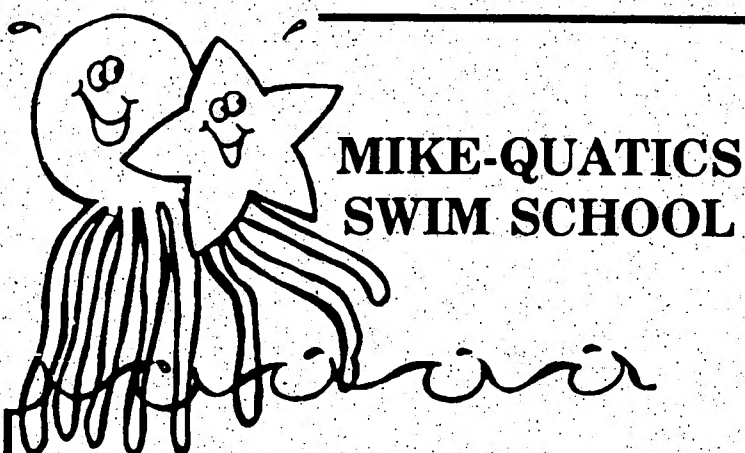
TORONTO —

Three groups have united to present The Israel Product Showcase March 17 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The event, from noon to 5 p.m., is designed to inform and educate the public about Israeli services and products available here. As well, the pilot show is geared to provide feedback for future shows aimed at the same purpose.

Admission is \$2 but children under 10 are free. Proceeds will go to Boys Town Jerusalem.

The three organizers are The Entertainment and Cultural Connection, Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood and Parents of North Americans in Israel.



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Organizations and People

Funding options being explored

Library holding Focus Week

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Toronto's Jewish Public Library, officially named in honor of Albert J. Latner, is this year marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of its first location — on Spadina Avenue just south of College Street.

In 1943, the library, founded by Toronto bibliophile Ben Zion Hyman, moved to a 14-room mansion on Markham Street.

As the Jewish community began its northward migration, the library followed suit, relocating to 22 Glen Park Road in 1947 and the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst Street in 1983.

AJLJPL officials today hope many more chapters will be written in the facility's annals. But reading between the lines, there is a real danger the impecunious 50,000-volume collection could soon be forced to close.

On Jan. 1, after a protracted dispute between the AJLJPL board and Toronto Jewish Congress over the implementation of two service improvement studies conducted in 1986 and 1988, TJC ceased its funding. The federation budgeted \$288,000 for the underutilized library in 1990, half of which was in the form of occupancy.

Interim funding till March 31 was provided by a \$36,000 TJC occupancy costs rebate and matching programming grant from AJLJPL benefactor Albert Latner.

But April 1 is fast approaching and promises to brook no fools lightly.

Cayle Chernin, the newly-elected president of the library, told The CJN the board is still exploring its funding options.

Asked if the AJLJPL will begin paying rent next month, she responded "No comment."

Chernin preferred to discuss programming begin-

ning with the four cultural evenings being held March 11 through Sunday, March 17.

The AJLJPL Focus Week got under way Monday with a meeting of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately. The group, which formerly met at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, recently moved its venue to the library as a gesture of support, Chernin said.

Stamp designer Debbie Adams spoke on Canada's 1990 literacy issue, which incorporated various alphabets including Hebrew.

On Tuesday, AJLJPL director Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein gave a shiur entitled Joseph: Architect of Jewish Life. The evening marked the commencement for the third consecutive season of the Institute of the Study of the Works of Aryeh Kaplan.

This Thursday, March 14, will mark the debut of the Jewish Journal, which Chernin described as a "twice monthly evening of entertainment, interchange and interviews" being produced by Amnon Hever, formerly of Newton Cable.

The opening session will screen *In The Shadows*, a 40-minute documentary Chernin produced last fall about the plight of Syrian Jewry.

Sunday, March 17 will mark the premiere installation of Toronto artist Gail Schwartz's *Zachor — Remember*, a multi-media two-meter statue resembling a Torah scroll rooted in the earth and cloaked in a tallit. Toronto musician Ronnie Wiseman will perform his Jewish reggae songs.

Accompanying the exhibit will be a display from the AJLJPL's rare book collection. A do-it-yourself genealogy computer will be available for tracing family roots.

All programs begin at 8 p.m.

Chernin is emphatic



Zachor-Remember by Toronto artist Gail Schwartz about her vision of the AJLJPL. "The library is not just a place where the books are stashed. It's a place where the community can be together."

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BB League founder
gets Toronto award

TORONTO —

A founder of B'nai Brith Canada's League of Human Rights, Morley Wolfe, was one of three recipients of the City of Toronto's William P. Hubbard Race Relations Award presented during the Civic Honors Day ceremony in the City Hall Council Chamber March 6.

The award is named after the city's first visible minority alderman, who served as acting mayor from 1894 to 1903. It was established by city council in 1990 to honor persons who have made a voluntary contribution to racial harmony in Toronto, and whose efforts have made a noticeable difference on the community. Recipients are individuals who have not been previously so honored and have not achieved a high public profile.

Wolfe is best known as a champion of human rights and race relations, an area in which he has been active for more than 25 years. He was one of the founding members of B'nai Brith Canada's League of Human Rights, and has also served as chair of the Joint Community Relations Committee of B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In these capacities, he developed an ongoing relationship between the Italian and Jewish communities to counteract negative minority group stereotyping in the media. He was a member of the Canadian Multicultural Council and has been actively involved in the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, an organization dedicated to the elimination of barriers between these two groups.

Organizations and People

Seder for AIDS sufferers planned by Holy Blossom

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

People with AIDS and those who have tested positive to the disease-carrying HIV virus are invited to a Seder for AIDS on Wednesday, April 3.

Sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS committee and brotherhood, the seder will take place at 519 Church St. 2nd floor, beginning at 6 p.m.

The seder will be for those who may not have the opportunity to celebrate with their own families, the temple's AIDS committee chairman, Donna Keystone, told The C.J.N.

Also invited are friends, lovers, families and caregivers of people with AIDS or those who are HIV positive.

"There are lots of people and organizations

Program a success

which hold symbolic third seders. We want to show we really care," Keystone said.

The four-year-old committee combines education and outreach, and co-sponsors, with Jewish Family & Child Service, an AIDS Assist Program, which teams volunteers with people who are HIV infected or who have AIDS to act as companions or providers of practical assistance.

The program has been so successful that another batch of "buddies" will be trained next month, Keystone said.

Last fall, the committee started an HIV support group for those who have

tested positive to the virus. The group meets every second week.

Altogether, the committee serves approximately 20 people with AIDS or with the HIV virus, Keystone said.

The committee is not necessarily about helping Jews with AIDS but is a Jewish response to the disease, she explained.

"Our volunteers are Jewish but we do not confine ourselves to the Jewish community."

The notion that AIDS is a "gay disease" is slowly fading, she adds.

In fact, more heterosexual women are contracting the disease than any other

group, Keystone said.

In the Jewish community, "it took us a long time to get established. But over the past couple of years, it's been very positive."

There will be no charge to attend the seder. The

traditional Passover story will be combined with readings from special haggadot provided by Chutzpah, the Toronto group for gay and lesbian Jews.

To RSVP, call Cindy Hershon-Zackon at (416)

789-3291.

Members of Chutzpah will also be holding a seder, on Sunday, March 31 at 6.30 p.m. The cost is \$33 per person.

The haggadot to be used

are based on the same principles of freedom from oppression as are more traditional Passover texts, Chutzpah president Mel Tonken said.

For information, call (416) 323-3564.

TJC program tries to match Soviets with families at Pesach

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Toronto Jewish Congress's community integration program is asking local families to host newly-arrived Soviet Jews at their Passover seders.

For many of the 1,000 Soviet Jews who have moved here in the last 12 months, this will be their first opportunity to celebrate the festival of freedom, says a TJC press release.

The seder hospitality committee, chaired by Susan Borden, is looking to match 100 Toronto families with Soviet guests. A knowledge of Rus-

sian or Yiddish is helpful but not necessary, says Borden.

Some of the 50 newly-arrived Soviet Jewish families who attended seders under last year's program, sponsored by TJC's Jewish Women's Federation, have developed ongoing friendships with their hosts, Borden reported.

"I'm optimistic that there will be lasting relationships formed this year too," she says. "It's a mitzvah to share this experience together. It's very exciting."

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Organizations and People

Ontario rabbis oppose new health-care bill

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario rabbis are again gearing up to press Queen's Park for changes to a bill that could make it illegal for clergy to counsel congregants.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has already begun lobbying the government for changes to the bill.

The bill will be introduced for first reading this spring and it is intended to protect the public from health-care quacks and charlatans.

The bill is not expected to be too different from a law introduced a year ago by the Liberal government. That piece of legislation died on the order paper when the Liberals were ousted last fall.

As with that bill, the new law is expected to increase the number of regulated health-care professions in Ontario from 19 to 24, and for the first time, draft standards for midwives, speech pathologists, medical laboratory technicians, dietitians, dental hygienists and occupational therapists.

But rabbis and other clergy fear the bill could legally prevent them from engaging in any sort of pastoral counselling because it would exclude clergy from the accepted list of mental health-care practitioners.

It is the same fear rabbis had a year ago, when former Liberal Health Minister Elinor Caplan introduced the bill, which was based on a \$2 million study designed to protect people from unqualified and unscrupulous health-care practitioners.

The bill identified 24 health professions it said should be regulated by provincial bodies, with clergy not among them.

It also listed 13 health-care procedures, including diagnosis, that only members of those regulated professions could perform.

The bill recommended a maximum \$25,000 fine and/or two years in jail for violating the law.

At the time, rabbis pointed to two clauses in the bill that would have legally prevented clergy from counselling.

One clause made it illegal for anyone to "treat, offer to treat or advise" another person regarding "any human health condition," where the treatment would result in harm or risk of harm.

Harm included any increased physical or mental disease, disorder, dysfunction, injury, pain or death.

Another clause defined diagnosis as the communication to someone "of a conclusion as to the cause or identification of a disease, disorder or dysfunction."

But after much lobbying by clergy from several faiths, Caplan agreed to drop the clause that could have punished pastoral counselling. Three months

later, the Liberals were voted out of office.

Last November, the NDP Health Minister, Evelyn Gigantes, indicated in the Legislature that her government will re-introduce the bill.

Health ministry spokesman Alan Burrows told The CJA that the bill is a priority for the NDP and will be introduced "sooner rather than later."

Burrows said he could not answer questions about whether the bill will include the clauses that could punish members of the clergy who counsel.

But he did say that the bill, in its first form, is "not going to be drastically overhauled" from its original Liberal version.

The public will have its say about the bill following its second reading, when public hearings will be held, Burrows added.

"We're back to square one," remarked Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of Ontario (AJCO).

Rabbi Steinberg estimates that roughly half the Jewish population turns to a rabbi with a personal problem before consulting a mental health professional.

If the original clauses are left in, the bill could punish a rabbi for consulting with doctors or families, and could leave him or her

open to a lawsuit for simply answering a health-related question, Rabbi Steinberg said.

He and other members of AJCO will ask for a meeting with Gigantes soon, he said.

Lou Lenkinski, who a year ago chaired an ad hoc committee of rabbis at Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has written Gigantes to express the rabbinate's concerns.

Lenkinski told last week's CJC executive committee meeting that the bill could have "a chilling effect" not only on rabbis but on social workers and guidance counsellors.

The health ministry has contacted CJC for its input, Lenkinski said.

Rabbi Edward Goldfarb, chairman of the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto and vice-president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, told The CJA he's confident the final version of the bill will exclude clergy from the list of unregulated practitioners.

"The word we have is that the clergy has nothing to worry about. They're trying to get at the crackpots."

But Rev. Don Evans, who heads the Coalition of Unregulated Practitioners, said he's heard "no indication" from the ministry that it will drop or re-word the bill's clauses on diagnosis and harm.

Centre launched for breast screening

TORONTO —

The Ontario Breast Screening Program has launched the North York Women's Screening Centre. This community based centre is administered by the Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (OCTRF).

The new facility, unveiled at the ribbon cutting ceremony at 100 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 140, by North York Mayor Mel Lastman is the second to be opened in Metropolitan Toronto.

Women aged 50 years and over may participate in the program and be screened every two years. Breast screening takes about 30 minutes and involves physical examination of the breasts by a nurse examiner and mammography (low dose x-ray of the breast). Women may refer themselves or be referred by their doctor for this free service.

One in 10 Ontario women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. Most women are unaware that as they get older, their risk of developing breast cancer increases.

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The goal of the program, when fully implemented, is to reduce breast cancer mortality by 40 per cent in women aged 50 years and over. This will save more than 300 lives each year in Ontario.

The program is funded by the Ministry of Health and is organized by OCTRF through its network of nine regional cancer centres. The London Screening Centre was the first to open last summer. The Scarborough Women's Screening Centre was the first to be opened in Metropolitan Toronto.

For an appointment, women aged 50 and over may contact: North York Women's Screening Centre at 512-0601; Scarborough Women's Screening Centre at 298-2626. The centre is located at 10 Milner Business Court, Suite 103, Markham Road north of the 401.

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By
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DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (Thursday, March 14 is the deadline for March 28 issue and Thursday, March 21 is the deadline for the April 4 issue).

Saturday, March 16

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

New Leadership State of Israel Bonds invites you to a special event, From Russia... with Love, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the St. Lawrence Hall, (corner of King and Jarvis).

It's an evening of entertainment, dancing to the Paul Zurin Orchestra, door prizes (including round trip ticket to Israel, courtesy of Payless Travel and a home water filter system, courtesy of City Water International Inc.) and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person. To reserve your

passport to the party, RSVP to Taube Zeifman, at 789-3351.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

The community is invited to pray, sing and dance at Kehillat Ahavat Chessed on Saturday morning, March 16, at 9.30. In honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan, a special feminist liturgy will be used. Men, women and children are welcome to participate. During the Torah discussion, a children's program will be offered.

Services are held at 788 Marlee Ave., third floor (corner of Lawrence Ave. W). Kiddush follows services.

For more information, call the synagogue office, 787-2940.

Sunday, March 17

A-CELEBRATION OF YIDDISH

A celebration of Yiddish in word and song, under the auspices of The Cultural Committee of the Toronto United Jewish People's Order, will be the focus of the second annual Albert Abramowitz Memorial Concert, at 2 p.m. Sun-

day, March 17, in the Joshua Gershan Hall of the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will perform songs by J. Schaeffer plus excerpts from Fiddler on the Roof. As well, Simcha (Samuel) Simchovitz, recently honored by the Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress for his contribution to Yiddish literature, will read from his own works in Yiddish and English. Master of ceremonies is David Abramowitz.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

HEBREW LITERARY CIRCLE

At the next meeting of The Hebrew Literary Circle, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, fourth floor, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Dr. Rachel Feldhi-Brenner will review Aharon Megged's book, *Foigelman*.

JEWISH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Focus Week at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library concludes with an Open House highlighting a premier installation of Gail Schwartz' Zachor (Remember). There will be a display of rare and antique books and a genealogy computer is to be available for public use. Ronnie Wiseman's Jewish Reggae Band will add spice to the day.

This all happens between 3-9 p.m. at the library's attractive premises, fourth floor, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

DR. RAKOFF AT HABONIM

Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn), is pleased to announce that psychiatrist Dr. Vivian Rakoff, will be speaking on Major Events and Day-to-Day Life in Israel. Dr. Rakoff, who has recently returned from a 6-week stay in Israel, will draw on his particular impressions and experiences.

This event, planned for 2.30 p.m., Sunday, March 17, promises to be interesting and enjoyable. Admission, which includes refreshments, is \$1.50 members, \$2 non-members.

TORONTO JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Raindrops, a 1981 German film about a Jewish family struggling to maintain its dignity in Nazi Germany, will be screened by The Toronto Jewish Film Society, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., fourth floor.

For more information, call Malka Rosenberg, 630-0080.

A SHOWCASE OF ISRAELI PRODUCTS

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood, together with PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis), present a Showcase of Israeli Products, plus music by Rabbi Gedalia Zweig and others, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in the Sisterhood Hall, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (just east of Bathurst).

Admission is \$2, children under 10 are free. Support Israel's economy and have a great time. Proceeds are for Boys Town, Jerusalem.

CHAT FASHION SHOW

Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto proudly offers its annual fashion show, *Dressed to Kill*, Sunday, March 17, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Main Hall, 1700 Bathurst St. There will be an afternoon performance at 1 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$8 at the door and all proceeds go to charity.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

City of Toronto councillor, Jack Layton, will address The Heritage of Children of Canada, Grandparents' Rights and Children's Right to their Heritage, at the next meeting, 1-4.30 p.m. in the Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. (south of Dupont).

For more information, call 656-5408.

JEP PESACH ADDRESS

The Sound and the Fury, a series of classes and addresses by Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, dean of Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, continues with a major Pesach lecture, Blood, Fire and The Mushroom Cloud, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in the Ohr Somayach/JEP Wing, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W.

There is no cost. For additional information, phone 886-5730.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER, ORT

Jerusalem Chapter, Toronto ORT, will be holding an Emergency Blitz Cash Campaign on Sunday, March 17, from 1-5 p.m. The chapter invites all members, former members and friends to attend. For further details please call Gilda Tyber at 733-9924.

CHAT ALUMNAE

CHAT Alumnae Association invites all alumnae and friends to a premiere screening of *The Quarell*, starring Saul Rubinek, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E.

Admission, including a dessert reception, is

\$15. Seating is reserved. Call Marilyn Cohen, 636-4755.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood, 55 Yeomans Rd., will hold a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, March 17, at 9.30 a.m. Guest speaker, Morton Manilla, will explore A Catholic Theology and the Jews.

Monday, March 18

SHAAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD

The Story of Joseph in Relation to Contemporary Issues, will be considered when Chana Sargon addresses a meeting of Shaar Shalom Sisterhood at 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (Don Mills Rd. one block north of Steeles Ave.) 8 p.m. Monday, March 18.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

For more details, call Sharon at 783-7726.

GAY & LESBIAN SUPPORT

A meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians, is scheduled for 7.30 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For more information call Ruth, 763-9111. Parents and/or other family members are assured strictest confidentiality.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit Discussion Group, which meets at Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence Plaza, continues its popular current theme, Is the Jewish Woman's Status Inferior To That of the Jewish Man?

On Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m., the discussion will centre on the topic: The Jewish Marriage Ceremony. This is the fourth in the series, but each session can be taken independently.

All are welcome. Discussion leader is Rabbi Reuben Slonim.

For further inquiries, call 789-2876.

JSF FOOD & THOUGHT

Jewish Student Federation Food and Thought Mondays - with free bagels and cream cheese - plans a special presentation as part of Holocaust Memorial Week, Monday, March 18 at noon, in the JSF Portable on York University campus.

INTEGRATING IMMIGRANTS

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation Adult Education Committee and Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University, welcome you at 8.15 p.m. Monday March 18, when Rabbi Pinchas Hayman, dean of students, Bar Ilan University (formerly Rabbi, Congregation House of Jacob, Calgary) will provide information on Integrating New Immigrants through Torah and Science.

This gathering takes place at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For further information, call 789-3213 or 665-8015.

JOINT ADULT STUDIES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Adath Israel Congregations continue their joint adult education series on the History of Zionism, From Balfour to the Intifada - The Dream and the Reality, with Prof. Arnold Ages. The next lecture will be 8 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

MENOPAUSE WELLNESS

The Menopause Wellness Group has slated a meeting from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd.

A public health nurse will lead a discussion on the physical and emotional effects of this stage in life: symptoms and treatments. Women are given an opportunity to share experiences and support, as well as to gain valuable information on the subject.

There is a \$5 registration fee.

For more information or to register, contact Wendy Fraser at the North York Women's Centre, 781-0479.

Tuesday, March 19

VILLAGE SHUL

Join the Village Shul and Learning Centre at Forest Hill Collegiate, 730 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, for a startling and compelling evening viewing the film, *In the Shadows*, the tragedy of Syrian Jewry.

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65TH ANNIVERSARY

For the 65th time, Max and Rose Friedman will be dancing their anniversary waltz together. Dancing first brought them together in 1923 when they discovered how perfectly their steps fit in a partnership which made them the waltz champions of Toronto for many years. After their marriage in 1926, Max worked in the garment industry until 1937 when he became co-owner with his brother-in-law Ben, of the Rubinoff and Friedman Imperial Oil station at College and Major Street. In 1928, Max was one of the organizers - and is the last surviving founder - of the Hagudas Hamishpocha (United Family), started as an "akcia," to help settle the Rubinoff and Naftolin families as they arrived from Europe. In 1930, he joined the Pride of Israel Society.

Rose is a life member of Mount Sinai Ladies' Auxiliary, of Baycrest, and the Young Women's Auxiliary of the Hagudas Hamishpocha. She has served in many executive positions with various organizations, in particular, the Sinai Service Group for Cancer Research, and earned numerous awards for her volunteerism.

On March 16, the couple celebrates their anniversary at a luncheon with friends and family, hosted by their daughter Lorraine, her husband Stan Levene, and their son Edward with his wife, Barbara. Among those present will be their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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To get your ticket call Nancy, 481-2383 or Lori, 256-4419.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel, Part VI with Dr. Isidore Cass, on Tuesday, March 19.

The group meets 8-10 p.m., at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

BEREAVED FAMILIES

Bereaved Jewish Families sponsors a *Family Night* on Tuesday, March at 8.00 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The program *Getting Through Pesach* will feature presentations by two bereaved parents and will be followed by an open discussion from the floor. For further information call Estelle Grader, 487-7460 or Pat Lieberman of Jewish Family and Child Service at 638-7800, ext. 215.

DEVELOPING CAPABLE PEOPLE

Developing Capable People is a program designed to give parents and educators training in helping children develop self-esteem, control, inner judgement and the ability to take responsibility for their actions.

Parents Against Drugs, Parents in Transition and the Ministry of Health and Welfare, National Drug Strategy, are the sponsors.

Register now for the next course, to be given at Cummer Valley School, 70 Maxome Ave., North York, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 19.

For more information, call Betty Prescott, 485-0551 or PAD, 225-6604.

HBT LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

The Tuesday morning lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 a.m. in the board room of Holy Blossom Temple. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. On March 19, Tannis Cohen will examine Native Rights.

Wednesday, March 20

SPRING MEETING & STUDY DAY

Ontario Branch, Women's League of Conservative Judaism, is organizing a Study Day - The Five Senses of Pesach, at Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave. (at Wedrick), Richmond Hill. Please bring your own Haggadas.

The speakers will be Rabbi Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel Congregation, Ruth Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and Srul Irving Glick, Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

A bus leaves Adath Israel parking lot at 8.45 a.m. (\$3 by reservation). Cost, \$15, includes luncheon and coffee. RSVP to Molly, 636-7733 or Sophie, 633-8927. (Babysitting is also available by reservation).

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto Division), will be held 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Topic of discussion will be Genealogical Resources in Toronto, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Additional information may be obtained from Peter Cullman, 964-2196.

ISRAEL AFTER SADDAM

In the aftermath of the Gulf War, the Toronto Zionist Council and Pride of Israel Synagogue will sponsor an address by Eliezer Whartman, journalist/editor of the Israel Press Service, who will offer an analysis of the situation vis-a-vis Israel, entitled, *Israel After Saddam*.

The time is 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. The place is Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres (at Bathurst).

Admission is free and the community is invited.

LIFE-CYCLE SERIES

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed, an egalitarian, participatory congregation, is holding a six-part series examining the three significant life-cycle events - Birth, Marriage and Death Legacies - from the standpoint of traditions, customs and contemporary legacies. Members of the community are invited to participate.

On Wednesday, March 20 at 8 p.m., the topic of Birth will be discussed. This is to be at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. (at Lawrence Ave. W.). Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For information on this and other Kehilla activities, call 787-2940.

ANOREXIA BULEMIA SUPPORT

If you are a parent, sister, spouse or friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia, do not wait... come and join the Anorexia Bulemia Family Support Group.

At a meeting to take place 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the New City Hall (Bay and Queen), psychotherapist Diana Donalds, will

present a program, *About Faces*. Telephone contact is 766-4846.

HBT LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group meets at noon on alternate Wednesdays at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome.

On March 20, Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel, assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom, will explain Medical Ethics.

Call Tera at 789-3291 for information and to let her know if you can offer transportation to someone, or need transportation.

BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Adult Education Committee, 100 Elder St., concludes its three-part series on Spanish Jewry with Rabbi Barry Schneider, in the Boardroom, 8-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 633-3838.

FORUM ON WOMEN & SMOKING

The Self-Help Clearinghouse of Metropolitan Toronto is sponsoring a public forum on Women and Smoking, 6.30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at 40 Orchard View Blvd., second floor, (one block north of Eglinton, west of Yonge).

Keynote speaker will be sociologist Lorraine Greaves.

Admission is free to the public. For more information, call the Self-Help Clearinghouse at 487-4355.

Thursday, March 21

SPRING 91 FASHION SHOW

It's time to dispel thoughts of winter and look to the new season. B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto presents Spring Fashion 91, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Fashions by Chez Pierre, Minimi, Rhonda Maternity and Beachwear Unlimited, will help you forget snowy blasts.

For tickets, \$15 general admission, \$25 sponsor, \$36 patroness, call 294-9057.

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Three films, *The Revolt of Mother*, *Close your Eyes* and *Think of England*, and *The Orientation Express*, will be shown at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave., W. at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, March 21.

Admission is free.

DOWNTOWN LECTURE

The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress invites you to Lunch and Learn with Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, who will give his views on After the Gulf War, 12.15 p.m. at the offices of Goodman and Carr, 200 King St. W., 23rd floor.

This is one in a series of free lunchtime lectures at various downtown locations.

Bring a friend. Brown bag your lunch. Beverage will be served. RSVP to Rachel Rosenberg, 635-2883, ext. 151.

FORGOTTEN JEWS OF SYRIA

New Leadership Division, State of Israel Bonds, presents a screening of *Shadows*, an extraordinary viewing experience documenting the forgotten Jews of Syria, directed by Cayle Chernin, to be shown 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E.

Following the screening, the director, and Judy Feld-Carr, chairman of the Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, will discuss the production of the film.

Admission is \$15 per person and there will be a reception.

RSVP to Taube Zeifman, 789-3351. No solicitation.

DAVKA INDEED - A JEWISH CAFE

Davka Indeed - A Jewish Cafe, features Justin Lewis/Jane Enkin, with stories from Y.L. Peretz and songs of the era, from 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 21.

Beverages and incredible desserts are available. The cafe is located at 585 Bloor St. W. (at Markham) entrance, via Sweet N' Deli.

To inquire further, call 461-6038.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

CHOCOLATES FOR PASSOVER

Toronto ORT, Shalom Chapter co-presidents Evelyn Greenwood and Gillian Lurie, are pleased to inform the community of their annual sale of Lieberman chocolates for Passover. All orders must be placed by March 22. Call the ORT

office at 787-0297.

Proceeds will help to support ORT schools.

ORATORIO AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., presents a spectacular Passover Concert, 8 p.m. Monday, March 25. *George Frederic Handel's* oratorio, *Israel in Egypt*, will be the major work, featuring the combined talents of the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and the University of Guelph Choir, under the direction of the Guelph choir's conductor, Gerald Neufeld. Vocal soloists will be Renee Bouthot, Maureen Moore, Elizabeth Forster and Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner, accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

The extraordinary first half of the concert will highlight Celebration of Psalms, a selection reaching across centuries and continents. Cantor Maissner will conduct the University of Guelph Choir and the Temple Singers in a musical performance of psalms by Salomone Rossi, Abraham Kaplan, Gershon Kingsley, Helen Greenberg and the recently arrived Soviet composer, Yefim Adler.

General admission is \$12, seniors and students \$8. Tickets are available in advance at Holy Blossom Temple, or at the door.

To inquire further, phone 789-3291.

JUDAICA SHOP PASSOVER SALE

Here's an opportunity to check a wonderful selection of Passover needs and save as well, at the Holy Blossom Judaica Shop Passover Sale which is on for two days only, Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Registration is now open at the Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., for adult and teenage summer courses in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

Evening courses run from 7.30-9 p.m., July 4-Aug. 22. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew by August 22.

Instructor for the beginner's course is Joseph Klinger, founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto.

For consultation and registration, call Joseph

Klinger, 787-0197.

SOKOLIFKA REUNION

A reunion weekend is being planned by descendants of immigrants who came to Buffalo from Sokolifa/Ustingrad, Ukraine.

A dinner dance is planned for Saturday evening Aug. 17, to be followed by a picnic on Sunday, August 18.

Interested persons contact Gerald Cohen, 418 Brisbane Building, Buffalo, New York, 14203, phone (716) 852-1133 or Ferne Mittelman, 52 Sundown Trail, Williamsville, New York 14221, phone (716) 689-9670.

SEDER FOR AIDS

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee and Brotherhood invite PWA's and people who are HIV positive, their friends, lovers, families and caregivers to participate in a seder for AIDS. It will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 at 519 Church St., auditorium, second floor.

RSVP is a must by March 22. There is no charge. For reservations and further information, call in confidence to Cindy Hershon/Zackon, 789-3291.

MARCH BREAK AT AGO

It's a last call for March Break at the Art Gallery of Ontario, which continues through Friday, March 15. There will be special activities for the entire family every day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Galleries will be open to 5.30 p.m. every day and 9 p.m. Wednesday evening. All programs are free with AGO admission.

For details, call the March Break Hotline, 979-6645.

AT THE ROM

March Break at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum), carries on through March 16 with family programs and exhibits.

And, the ROM offers a new alternative for an inspired night out, Thursday After Hours, held the last Thursday of every month. For these evenings, the ROM keeps its galleries open one hour longer to 9 p.m. This month, harpist Joanna Jordan entertains with classical, jazz and rock selections which showcase the versatility of the harp. Thursday After Hours is held on Thursday,

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Seen at the Pride of Israel Temple Installation of officers are the new president of the Sick Benefit Society, David Burton; (right), with his two vice-presidents, Sylvia Singer and Marvin Litvak. Mrs. Singer is the first woman in the history of Pride of Israel to be elected to the executive.

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March 28 from 5.30-9 p.m. and is included with Museum admission. For more information, call 586-5549.

RIKUDIYAH DANCE FESTIVAL

Rikudiyah, the Israeli Dance Festival for Children, celebrates 21 years on Sunday, March 24, with 21 participating groups. Shorashim Israeli Dance Troup — a guest troupe from Montreal, the Jerusalem Dancers, USDS Bayview, Associated Hebrew Day School Junior High and Bialik Hebrew Day School will be performing.

Tickets are on sale at the JCC information desk, North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., adults \$4.25 (includes GST), children under 12, just \$1.

For further information, call Elaine Burke, 636-1880, ext. 273.

DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

The Daily Bread Food Bank will launch its tenth major food drive on March 26, with the distribution of 929,000 Sharing-Bags across the Greater Metro area. Members of the public are asked to fill the bag with urgently needed non-perishable food items and drop it off at any area firehall before April 1. Organizers stress that coupled with a greater demand this year, is the fact that existing supplies are considerably lower than in previous years. The food bank is emphasizing the need for high protein food items such as canned meat, canned fish, peanut butter and baby formula.

Daily bread is also seeking volunteers to help unload and sort donations. Sorting begins March 28 and continues through April 6 at the Horticultural Building, Exhibition Place. Please call 769-5155.

LAWYERS LEARNING AT LUNCH

The Lawyers Learning at Lunch Group meets once a month in the Yonge and Eglinton area. The topics covered usually deal with the Jewish approach to various legal/ethical dilemmas. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee.

Call 886-5730 for more information.

AT SHAAREI-BETH EL

Register before March 22 for the Shaarei Beth El congregational seder, to be conducted by Rabbi Edward Goldfarb in the shul's Social Hall, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, 6.30 p.m. March 30. Tickets are \$22 adults, \$17 seniors, \$10 for children 5-12 and \$5 for children under 5. Phone 849-6000, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shaarei Beth El Congregation plans a Jewish Musical Evening, 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Come out to hear performances by Shaarei Beth El Choir, Temple Israel Choir, Habonim Youth Choir, Arlene Turner, Har Tikvah, Judith Setton, and Lawrence Glatt, Shaarei Beth El.

Refreshments follow the concert.

Admission is \$5. Contact the Synagogue office, 849-6000, to reserve seating.

On Sunday, March 24, at 10 a.m., you are invited to a talk on Retirement Planning - Not Just Money Never Too Early, to be given by Harvey Goldberg at Munn's Elementary School, 1511 Sixth Line, Oakville.

Coffee and bagels will be served.

U OF T CONTINUING EDUCATION

Can you manage in Hebrew, but would like to polish your command of the language? If so, Course 5757, at the University of Toronto, School of Continuing Studies, is for you.

Texts from newspapers, journals and books provide the basis for class discussions. Although focus is on speaking, there is also an opportunity to read and write Hebrew.

Small class size assures more personal attention and individual feedback.

The course is offered with instructor Lior Neav, from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 22-June 17 (eight meetings).

For additional details, contact the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies, 158 St. George St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2V8, phone 978-2400.

BE A SPECIAL FRIEND

Group homes for developmentally handicapped adults need volunteers to act as special friends. You can accompany an adult for walks, movies, shopping or just plain chit-chat. Locations are available across North York and times can be flexible. Please call North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shachrit services weekdays at 8.30 a.m. For times regarding Mincha, Maariv, please call 256-1600.

Everyone is welcome.

MCMICHAEL MARCH BREAK

Kids, dress up your March Break! Come in

costume to the McMichael Canadian Collection and join a masquerade of mime, music and mask-making, daily to March 17.

See mask-makers at work; enjoy a mime/mask performance, 2.30 and 3.30 p.m., with Naomi Tyrell; make a lifesize drawing and decorate your own image; enjoy films and videos of masks, legends and stories for kids of all ages; have your face painted for \$1, or take a celebrity tour, with gallery educators dressed as favorite artists, 2 and 3 p.m. And, complete an activity sheet to win a prize.

The McMichael is on Islington Ave. N. in Kleinburg, phone 893-1121.

T. SINAI ONEG SHABBAT MUSICAL

Temple Sinai Congregation, 210 Wilson Ave., welcomes everyone for services at 8.15 p.m. Friday, March 22 and for a musical Oneg Shabbat following, with the Amati String Quartet featuring violinists Joseph Peleg and Christophe Chiasson, violist Mark Childs and cellist Coenraad Bloemendal.

BYE BYE BIRDIE AT POSLUNS

Bye Bye Birdie, the bouncy musical comedy about Conrad Birdie, an Elvis-type teen idol who is about to be inducted into the army and agrees to a publicity stunt involving "one last kiss" which he will bestow on the adoring young president of a small town fan club, continues at the Leah Posluns Theatre until March 24 with a perky and talented cast.

For ticket information, call 636-2720.

ONE OF A KIND CRAFT SHOW

Whether you do crafts or just like browsing, check out the One of a Kind Springtime Canadian Craft Show and Sale, Wednesday, March 27-Sunday, March 31, at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto. Hours are from noon-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. other days.

CONGRESS COOKING COURSES

Starting in April, Toronto Jewish Congress, Kashruth Council, is sponsoring several practical and interesting cooking courses including Middle Eastern Cooking, Yeast Recipes, Pareve and Dairy Gourmet. Look for specific details for each series in future What's New columns.

DISABILITY ISSUES ON TVONTARIO

What impact will new reproductive technologies and genetic engineering have on disabled people? What is being done to combat the high rate of illiteracy among the disabled? Why do members of the Deaf Culture want to be recognized as a separate cultural group? These and other issues affecting disabled Canadians will be explored in a new series of half-hour programs, Challenge Journal, premiering on TVOntario Monday, March 18 at 7.30 p.m. (Series 1 of Challenge Journal was broadcast on CTV affiliates in 1989).

at the JCC

JCC North/East Valley Branch Singles Network, 7015 Leslie St., is holding the first night Passover seder on Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$28 per adult and \$19 per child (under 16). Reservations and payment must be in by Wednesday, March 27. Call Luni, 889-0813 for more information.

The Singles Network is having a Wine and Cheese Party at 8.30 p.m. in a member's home. Cost is \$10. For reservations (deadline, Thursday, March 21), phone Luni at 889-0813.

The N/E Valley Branch offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is \$3 per session. This is for members. A special seminar with Ken Murray starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call Luni, 889-0813.

The Young Peoples Russian Jewish Adult Committee (18-30), in conjunction with N/E Valley Branch, is having a party 8.30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Cost, \$6 per person, includes deejay and refreshments. Cash bar. Call Luni, 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program is now underway. There will be 2-week sessions, starting July 2. This is for 5-12 year olds and offers tennis and swim lessons plus much more. For additional information, call Luni, 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group meets at noon on alternate Wednesdays at the Temple, 1900 Bathurst St. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch. Coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome. On Wednesday, March 20, the speaker will be Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel, assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, who will discuss Medical Ethics. Call Tera at 789-3291, for information, and let



HEALTH EDUCATION LECTURE

The Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) Auxiliary's annual health education lecture attracted 250 women from all walks of life with this year's topic, Breast Cancer—An Issue for All Women. Three MSH experts presented the latest available breast cancer information in the areas of diagnosis (including mammography), incidence and treatment, and research. From left are Barbara Bank, health education co-chairman, MSH Auxiliary; Dr. Roberta Jong, senior radiologist; Dr. Irene Andrulis, senior scientist, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of MSH; Lynn Belzberg, health education co-chairman, MSH Auxiliary; Queenie Nayman, president, MSH Auxiliary.



FASHION SHOW

Shelley Richler (left) and Wendi Morein (centre), Associated Hebrew School's Parents' Association Spring '91 Fashion Show chairmen, consult with Wendy Cherry, (right) for the Tuesday, March 19 fund raiser to take place 7-10 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Featured are fashions by Wendy Cherry and hats by Suro's Hat Boutique. There will be boutique shopping before and after the show and refreshments will be served. For ticket information, call Gloria Hershenfeld, 446-1525.

her know if you can offer transportation to someone, or if you need transportation.

On Tuesday, March 19 at 1 p.m., Learning Experiences, North Y Branch, JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., invites you to An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times - a talk by author Ibalia Grossman about her life and book. This is under the auspices of Senior Adult Services and takes place in Room 202. Free to members, 50 cents, for non-members. For information, call Teme, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Senior Adult Services at the North Y Branch begins several 15-week spring courses this month: 1)Knitting and Crocheting with Annette Brucker, provides instruction for all levels as well as personal attention. Bring your own yarn and needles. Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30 a.m., starting March 19 in the Seniors Lounge. 2)Bridge Lessons with instructor Larry Cara, a new course for beginners on Wednesdays, 12.30-1.30 p.m. and for intermediate players, Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30 p.m., in Room 221, starts March 20. 3) World Issues, a very popular program on current events, with Doug Haddow, Thursdays, 1-2.30 p.m. in Room 205, begins March 21. 4)Tai-Chi, with Valerie Houston, Thursday, 11.30-12.30 p.m., starts March 21. 5)Yoga, with Dora Korn, Thursdays, 12-1.30 p.m., begins March 21. 6)Line Dancing with Ken Fennell, a lively, fun/activity, will take place Fridays, 1-3 p.m., Main Dance Studio, starting March 22.

These courses are sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the North York Board of Continuing Education. Free to seniors 60 plus, living in Metro Toronto. For information, contact Teme, 636-1880, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with Frances Malkin, 226-3252 or Ida Himmelstein, 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

The Friendship Club at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors' activities such as bridge and more, Mondays and Tuesdays, noon-5 p.m. Call 393-7706 for more information.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call Nurit, 924-6211, ext. 36.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is scheduling a number of theatre outings for the summer months. Included are these musicals at Artpark: June 26, South Pacific; July 25, Funny Girl; Aug. 7, Man of La Mancha. On Sept. 19, it's School for Wives and on Oct. 30, Carousel, both matinees, at Stratford. For more information, call Lena 785-5773 or Ruth, 224-5923. The trip to Switzerland, May 28-June 11, stopping at kosher hotels, is drawing near. If you are in-

terested, Lena will be at Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Ave., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, March 18. Bridge resumes in the spring. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Lanai Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call Dorothy Bloomfield, 787-1526.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening, 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Wednesday, March 20, the film, The Ten Commandments, will be shown. To inquire further, call Avner Meiri at 663-1443, Oved Azuri at 631-9794 or Gitit Gilran at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on Sunday, March 17, in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is Toby Warsh. For more information, call Gitit Gilran at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Wellness Education Group presents Appearance Techniques with cosmetic consultant Lori Weisbrod, 1.30-2.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 in the Common Room. Topics will include Make-Up Techniques, to aid people with arthritis and those who require assistance with their cosmetic needs, Skin Care Maintenance and question and answer period. To ensure seating, please register at the Wagman Centre office, 789-5131, ext. 2267, by March 19. Admission is \$1 for members of the Wagman Centre and Terrace residents, \$2 for guests, to be paid at the door. For further information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. Assistive hearing devices are available on request.

On Sunday, March 17, from 1.30-3 p.m., the musical film, An American in Paris, starring Gene Kelly, will be screened in the Assembly Room. Tuesday evening, March 19, from 7.30-8.30 p.m., enjoy the Temple Sinai Choir under the direction of Ben Steinberg.

A reminder that seniors in North York can order take-out kosher meals from the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For only \$6.25 (except Friday when dinner is \$8.25) you can have a full home-cooked meal. Meals can be prepared salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular. To order your meal, purchase your ticket at the Wagman Centre and bring it to the Food Services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. In addition, take-out frozen entree meals, soups in two-litre containers and kugels (potato and noodle) are available. Just come and pick them up. Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a dance every Saturday night in the clubhouse, 7.30-10.30 p.m.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Members free, non-members \$1. Dance to a live band on Sunday, March 17, at the Community Centre in the park, Bathurst and Sheppard, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Members, \$3 non-members \$4.

A great movie will be shown in the clubhouse at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. Free to members, non-members \$1 per person.

A trip to London, Ontario, is scheduled for Thursday, April 11. The cost, \$15, includes a picnic lunch. This is for members only. And also for members only, there will be a trip to Buffalo, Tuesday, April 30. Cost, \$25 per person, includes a full-course kosher dinner.

Ongoing activities in conjunction with the North York Board of Education, are bridge, fitness, line and ballroom dancing class. Other activities offered are rummy cube, shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. For information, call the office at 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Passover begins the evening of March 29 and The Bernard Betel Centre will be offering Kosher-for Passover Meals to seniors who are in long term care facilities. Each meal costs \$5 and must be ordered before Friday, March 15. (This is a last call!) If you would like to order meals, or require more information, phone Paula Ruch at 225-2112.

Eitrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, phone Helen Issenberg, 225-2112.

Here is a list of upcoming services and programs that the La'Briyat Wellness Centre is offering free of charge to seniors living in the community: Skin Care, 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Monday, March 18; Vision Screening Clinic, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, March 19; Pharmacist Counseling Services, 9.30-10.30 a.m., Tuesday, March 19; Monday, March 18 and 25, concludes a 4-week Stress Reduction Workshop with public health nurse Sandra Fujina, 3-4.30 p.m. in the Music Room. Inquire about registering with Sandra at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112. Healthy Eating is in Store for You, a health lecture, in which nutritionist/dietitian Paula Ruch,

will share many tips to help you shop for freshness and sound nutrition, is scheduled for 1.30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the synagogue.

About People

FREIDIN, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, has honored Jack Freidin as its 1990 Citizen of the Year.

Jack has served his home community as a city councillor for 18 years, has been president of many organizations including the Lion's Club, B'nai Brith Northwest Canadian Council, Beth Israel Congregation, YM-YWCA and has been Master of his Masonic Lodge. He is currently active as leader of the Wa-Wa Shriner Military Band and as a dedicated volunteer for many of the charitable and community groups which he has served through the years.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents Passover in Vermont (March 29-April 7) or partial stays. For more information contact Sharon Ganz, 785-0761.

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, March 23. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is \$18.00 for non-members, and \$13.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is \$8.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010.

Atideynu Lodge (Singles Co-ed 20's & 30's). Upcoming events: Thursday, March 21, Rock 'n' Diner Night, at 8:00pm. Join us for a bite and dancing. Meet at 900 Don Mills Road (just North of Eglinton). Contact Robert Gordon at 486-1865.

BBYO holds dance-a-thon to boost operating budget

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Youth Organization, Lake Ontario Region, Toronto Area Council, hosted their 3rd annual regional Dance-a-thon last month.

The program was attended by over 300 youth from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Buffalo and Rochester who came out to show their support for their organization, community, country and Israel.

The theme of the evening was All We Are Saying Is Give Peace and BBYO A Chance.

The program began with a community-wide teen

dance, in addition to the start of the 10-hour BBYO Dance-a-thon.

The music and the 20,000 watt light show extravaganza was donated by Universal Sound Entertainment. Those who were not dancing were able to sing along with the Laser Karyoke.

While the dance ended at midnight, there was plenty of spirit and enthusiasm to enable the dancers to "keep on movin'" through the wee hours of the morning.

Original music such as "the top 10 songs that did not make it to the Gram-

mys" and theme songs from movies kept the pace up and the legs moving all night long.

Funds raised from the dance-a-thon went towards supporting the BBYO, Lake Ontario Region, operating budget.

"Now more than ever before, it is important that the community support their youth, the leaders of tomorrow," said Dance-a-thon co-ordinators, Melissa Kelman and Ryan Goldhar.

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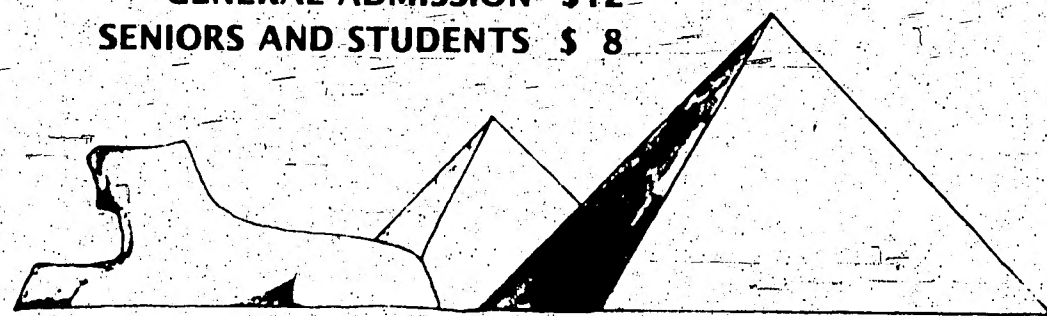
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Organizations and People



Cecil Feldman (centre) at the 1986 Hamilton Negev Dinner, holding JNF Foundation certificate in memory of his wife, Raella. With him are his daughters Susan (left) and Lyn and her husband Robert Klotz.

Forty years of dedicated service

Hamilton shul to honor Feldman

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

On Saturday, March 16, Beth Jacob congregation will host a special kiddush in tribute to one of its devoted volunteers.

Cecil Feldman will be honored for 40 years of dedicated service to his congregation.

And on that Shabbat morning Feldman will chant the Haftarah, a special honor for the man who, for almost 25 years, was the one who assigned such honors to others.

Born and raised in Hamilton in a family that had always belonged to Beth Jacob, Feldman did not become actively involved until 1950.

He was saying kaddish for his father at the time when the then president, the late Max Stein, suggested he join the board.

Since then Feldman has "chaired all committees, pulpit, finance, social, membership... done all kinds of different things," including, he recalled in a recent interview, producing several musicals, organizing New Year's Eve parties and various other social events.

Living alone in an apartment since the death six years ago of his wife, Feldman is surrounded by photographs of his wife; his daughters, Susan, a producer with CBC radio; Lyn and her husband, Robert Klotz; his granddaughter, Rachel — all living in Toronto — and numerous other mementoes of special occasions.

His parents had come from Russia and his father, Morris, was a tailor who worked for Copley Noyes & Randall Ltd., more familiarly known as Cambridge Clothes, and also had his own tailor shop on King Street.

They were six boys and one girl and in the last four years, he lost his sister and three of his brothers. Altogether, "five deaths in six years," he sighs.

He does not dwell on it. Instead, Feldman recalls how he was active in amateur theatre and a member of a theatre company that entertained the troops during the war.

And especially the time he was asked to play the male lead in a two-character play. His co-star was a young Hamilton woman named Raella Berg, who was studying elocution at the University of Buffalo.

The title of the play was *Why I Am A Bachelor* and "three months after the play ended," he relates with a chuckle, "we became engaged."

Modest and unpretentious, Feldman is delighted with the effect produced by the revelation that he was also a professional ballroom dancer.

"You wouldn't believe it now," he says with a smile and patting a waistline that, despite his protestations, looks very slim and trim. "Oh yes, I danced in all the clubs," he says.

Inspired by Fred Astaire, Feldman took dancing lessons with the well-known Nancy Campbell, including tap and ballet. And, he further reveals, "I even played the prince in

Swan Lake!"

Regrettably, his ballroom dancing career ended when his partner's boyfriend refused to let her take a six-week engagement at a Montreal nightclub.

Feldman owned a jewelry store on James Street but when Raella fell ill in the mid-'60s, he gave it up in order to have more time to care for her.

Although working at various other jobs, he was now able to attend Shabbat services and that's when Max Stein, who was again serving as president, noticed him once more.

"By golly, someone who attends Shabbat services regularly must know who else comes every week," he recalls Stein saying and suggesting that Feldman would know best whom to assign aliyas and honors.

It turned out to be a job that kept him occupied "most of my waking hours," particularly during the High Holidays, when some 120 to 140 honors had to be assigned.

But "I had some wonderful assistants," says Feldman, especially his friends Syd Cohen and Sonny Caplan.

Meanwhile, Raella, forced by illness to give up her elocution studio, became Hamilton's JNF worker, assisted throughout those years by her devoted husband.

Feldman glances at the photos crowded around the room. "I've been very fortunate in having many wonderful friends," he remarks. "It's been a wonderful, lovely life."

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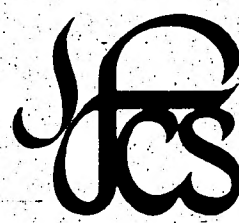
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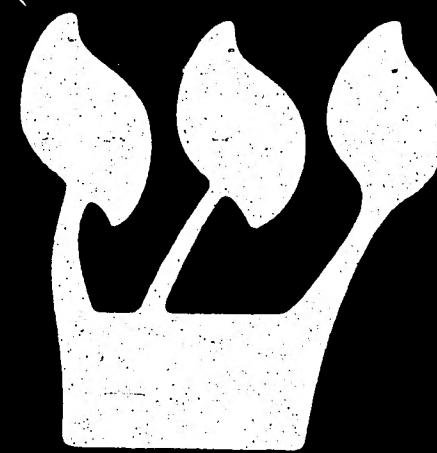
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Arab arms buildup "insane": Kahn

TORONTO —

The buildup of arms in the Arab world prior to the outbreak of hostilities in the Gulf region was termed "insane" at a recent Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, executive committee meeting.

"Nobody listened to us that this was the major problem in the Middle East," said Simon Kahn, director of public affairs for the Canada-Israel Committee. "It was not just the Palestinian issue."

Kahn had praise for Jewish community advocacy groups during the Gulf crisis "for training people to bring the message to the grassroots, the media and organizations and for CJC for encouraging Canadian ethnic groups to make statements of support for the community and Israel."

Kahn also warned of the dangers of a rearmed Syria, thanks to Saudi monies and Soviet weapons.

Also at the executive meeting, it was announced that CJC, Ontario Region, is in consultation with the Ontario

government regarding proposed health professions legislation (see separate story, page 25).

The regional Political Liaison Committee announced that the MPPs' Reception — an event held following Ontario provincial elections — will be held at the Lipa Green Building on Tuesday, April 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Eric Slavens, CJC regional chairman instituted a new procedure of updating the executive committee on issues and policies discussed at regional officers meetings. He also brought forward from the officers a set of guidelines regarding media statements, which received approval from the executive.

In addition, Slavens announced that a questionnaire had been sent out to the regional executive regarding the format of its meetings. A committee, made up of Mr. Justice P. Theodore Matlow, Mark Anshan and David Satok, has been set up to examine the role of the executive within Congress and to make recommendations for improvement.

Organizations and People

Health minister to attend reception

Baycrest research facility focuses on study of the brain

TORONTO —

Perrin Beatty, minister of Health and Welfare Canada, is among the speakers who will attend a reception marking the opening of the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Other guests expected to be on hand for the ceremony

include Dr. Pierre Bois, president of the Medical Research Council of Canada, and Prof. J. Robert S. Prichard, president of the University of Toronto.

Research at the institute focuses on the study of the brain and how it is affected by aging and illness. The goal of this research, says director of research

Dr. Donald Stuss, is to improve the quality of life for those suffering from cognitive damage due to conditions such as stroke, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Although the institute began operating in January of 1989, the official dedication will take place on Wednesday, March 20.

The dedication coincides

with an international symposium on brain research which runs from March 20-22 at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. The symposium is being presented by the Rotman Research Institute in association with the Department of Neurology at the University of California (Los Angeles) Medical School.

Approximately 400 people are expected to attend the three-day conference where they will hear the latest research findings on brain function and behavior from more than two dozen prominent Canadian, American and European researchers.

The Rotman Research Institute was established through the efforts of many

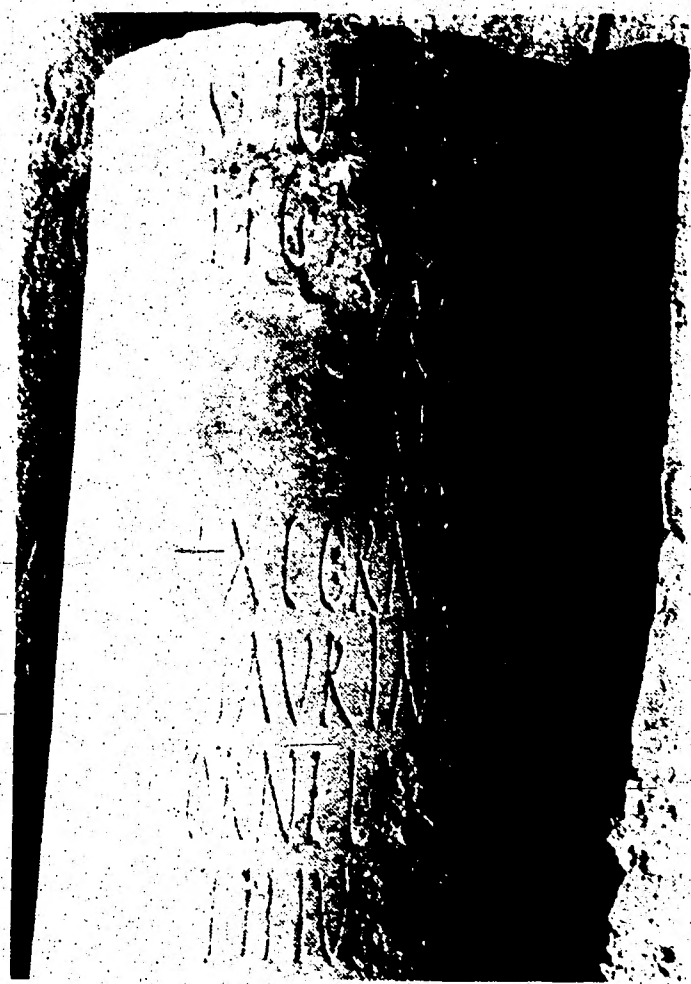
people, says Stuss, in particular that of Toronto businessman Joseph Rotman who lent his knowledge, leadership and financial support to the project which bears his name.

Rotman has been a major force at Baycrest Centre, where he worked on the successful capital campaign to build the new Baycrest Hospital in 1986. Six years

ago he was asked to set up a task force to determine whether Baycrest should establish a formal research program.

Rotman is still actively involved in the institute, serving as chairman of the research advisory committee.

He will be the guest of honor at the March 20 dedication ceremonies.



EXCAVATION

Two marble columns bearing the names of Roman governors from the period of Roman rule of Israel were discovered in the ruins of a palace in Israel last summer.

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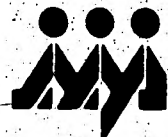
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Organizations and People



Dorothy Shoichet (left) and Harriet Morton, co-chairmen of ORT's new Encore Circle, planned giving project.

Allows for gifts of life insurance

Women's ORT starts new group

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A new dimension of giving has been added to Women's Canadian ORT called Encore Circle, says Dorothy Shoichet, who, with Harriet Morton, are the co-chairs for the planned giving project.

"The Encore Circle enables members and their friends to give ORT the kind of donation they always wanted to give," says Shoichet. "With this new program, you can make a gift of \$50,000 or \$250,000, with no impact on your capital resources."

Morton explains that Encore Circle enables an individual to make a charitable gift of life insurance.

The amount of the policy is guaranteed and cannot be contested in a will. The premiums are tax deductible and the individual is credited with the payment as a charitable donation.

Morton notes that as the shift continues from an industrial to an information age, and from familiar tasks to complex technical skills, unheard of just a few years ago, "the demands on education and training in Israel have escalated at an alarming rate."

Shoichet says that for more than 100 years, ORT has been responsive, adaptable and, most importantly, able to anticipate and act upon future needs. More than two million students have graduated from

ORT's international network of schools with vocational and technical programs—including mechanics, architecture, design, electricity and computer technology.

"Over one quarter of Israel's entire workforce is ORT-trained—it is a non-sectarian, non-religious educational system which has no government affiliations. There are 70,000 students in 120 ORT schools in Israel and with an influx of olim from Russia, and the number is growing, these students' skills do not relate to Western practices."

Morton explains that the Encore Circle gives everyone an equal opportunity vehicle to make a major donation to ORT. "We

both felt that there was no better way to ensure the future of ORT students than through technology and education, and this project will guarantee their future."

Israel has an edge, she says. "We are technologically superior to any neighbors in the Middle East and we want to ensure that we maintain this significant edge." She believes that "if we had an Encore Circle project 25 years ago when I joined ORT, today we would have the funding to cope with the expansion of new programs and build new dormitories and classrooms that are so badly needed."

Now that the Encore Circle has been established, Shoichet says the organiza-

"The response across the country has been very positive," says Morton, "and I believe that we have opened a new avenue of thinking for both men and women. And the project is taking hold in other countries as well."

Shoichet and Morton are excited about the project because it gives an individual an opportunity to make a major donation within his or her lifetime and receive honor and recognition. An attractive piece of jewelry is being designed specifically for the Encore Circle and participants will be profiled in the organization's magazine.

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Shoichet and Morton, who consider themselves "activists" say, "we have cheered and above all we've made leadership commitments to a number of organizations and as past national presidents of Women's Canadian ORT, this is one of their most challenging and gratifying projects we have ever undertaken."

And Morton adds, "We are looking into the future and we hope that this will be our legacy to ORT and to our people."

Realtors help to rebuild Israel

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN
TORONTO —

Helping Israelis rebuild homes destroyed by Scud missiles is a priority for some Family Trust realtors this spring.

Upon the successful closing of all homes listed until May 15, Family Trust realtors at the Richmond Hill branch will donate 50 per cent of their personal commissions earned in the transaction towards the reconstruction of private homes in Tel Aviv.

All proceeds will be do-

nated through the Canadian Committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation here.

Sales representative John Komlos, who spearheaded the project, said he thought of it just after Israel was hit by the first missiles.

"Rather than make a donation, I wondered how I could get others involved in the reconstruction of Tel Aviv homes."

"All the Jewish agents in the branch were receptive to the idea, and when we approached the non-Jewish agents, they were just as anxious to help out. They

were even willing to help out with costs toward the advertising campaign."

Komlos added that instead of starting a trust fund, the agents decided to channel the money through the Foundation, which usually supports cultural activities in Israel.

"Because of this emergency, however, all the money is going towards rebuilding homes in Tel Aviv."

Komlos said he "can't even begin to guess how much this scheme will raise, but I hope that anyone who is on the verge of listing their home will do so now and help out Israel at the same time."

Branch office manager Bev Breslow acknowledged that it is going to take a lot of money to rebuild all the homes in Tel Aviv that were destroyed during the Persian Gulf War.

"When John initiated the idea, I could think of no better way to help."

Breslow said although there are no definite arrangements at the moment, all other Family Trust branches are planning to join the Richmond Hill branch in its efforts to help Israel.

"I would really like to think that not only other Family Trust branches, but other realty companies would jump onto the bandwagon."

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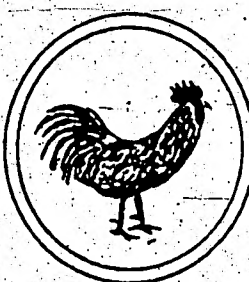
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Organizations and People

Isenberg, Reichberg in final year of studies

Stroke patients, students benefit from placement

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Two students from the University of Toronto have added a new dimension to the Stroke Recovery Group at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Now in their final year of Occupational Therapy (OT) studies, Paula Isenberg and Frances Reichberg recently completed a 2½-month-long community placement with the group. It is one of seven clinical placements (including hospital and community placements) that are compulsory for OT students over their four years of study.

OTs help patients work towards their maximal level of functioning in the areas of productivity, self-care and leisure. Reichberg described it succinctly as "therapy through activity."

Elaine Botnick, group services supervisor, who works with the Stroke Recovery Group, originally wrote to the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to request occupational therapy students over a year ago. "Our main objective was to bring their expertise into our established program," said Botnick.

The two students were drawn to the group for different reasons. Isenberg

was being practical: her main interest was pediatrics, but she wanted to round out her education, and felt she could use more experience in post-stroke recovery and geriatrics.

Reichberg, on the other hand, has always had an interest in geriatrics. (Although strokes are more prevalent among the geriatric population, they can occur at any age. The average age of the group members is 55.)

Neither of the young women expected to enjoy the program as much as they did. They admitted that it isn't an "appealing" placement for many OT students. In addition to the distance factor for students living downtown, some students may be reluctant to take on such a placement for other reasons.

Post-stroke progress is typically very slow, which can be frustrating. Stroke is also "in some ways everybody's worst fear," said Isenberg. "A lot of people

don't want to work with their worst fear."

Isenberg and Reichberg overcame any initial preconceptions they may have had. "We look forward to coming here Monday," Reichberg said. Isenberg spoke of the warmth that emanates from the group members. "They touch your heart. I have a new interest in geriatrics because of this problem," she said.

"It's such a cliché, but you know you're making a difference." For Reichberg, another benefit was the opportunity to give "a lot of input," which doesn't happen in every placement.

The students spent two mornings a week at the JCC, observing and running activities, making suggestions and planning programs, all while discussing "everything" and working closely with Botnick.

Among the programs the students have run are

"reminiscence groups." A stroke is often accompanied by memory impairment, explained Reichberg. "It's good for them to know that they can remember." One morning found the group answering trivia questions about events that took place in the early 1900s. "It was really interesting," said Reichberg. Such activities are beneficial for members' memory and ability to concentrate.

Other activities have included current events groups, speakers and even using Lego building blocks. "We (who haven't had strokes) take for granted that we can sit and play with our children and grandchildren," says Botnick.

The group also painted a welcome poster for Sports on Wheels, an annual wheelchair event. "It goes well beyond Arts & Crafts," said Isenberg.

Added Reichberg, "It builds their confidence and their fine motor skills."

Over 20 years, the JCC group has grown to 80 members who meet three times a week for exercise, leisure activities and camaraderie. There are regular outings, a swim program and a bowling league. The group is non-denominational, and not all the members are Jewish.

Botnick is delighted with

the results of the clinical placement. "The members love the attention, and fresh ideas can't help but benefit the program."

Ideally, she would like to offer two placements a year to OT students, and "would love to get university students" to volunteer as well. "It's really good for students thinking of embarking on a career in the health care services," says Reichberg.

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Niagara woman dies at 103

TORONTO —

Lilly Herzog of Niagara Falls, Ont., died recently in Florida at the age of 103.

She is survived by two grandchildren, four great grandchildren and nine great, great grandchildren.

A native of Hlohovic, Czechoslovakia, she survived the last years of the Second World War hiding in a bunker with her late husband, Dr. Jacob Her-

zog. Her husband was the medical officer at the detention camp at Sered, Czechoslovakia, until they were forced to hide to avoid being sent to Auschwitz.

They came to Canada in 1951 and she had lived in Niagara Falls since. Her husband died in 1953.

She is survived by a daughter, Magda Muller, 82 of Niagara Falls.

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Showbiz Mishmash

Profiles of Jewish show people sparkle with wit

By
FRANK RASKY

Pinned above the desk of the late **Kenneth Tynan** (1927-1980), drama critic of the London Observer and The New Yorker magazine, was this maxim: "Rouse tempers, goad and lacerate, raise whirlwinds."

Yes, indeed, Tynan lived up to that credo and thus became the most thought-provoking theatre critic since **George Bernard Shaw**. The highly stylized, British-born writer of diamond-like prose also upheld the goal to be a "talent celebrator."

His brilliance as a biographer — especially of Jewish show people — is reflected lovingly in a new collection of 47 of his personality sketches. The book is titled *Kenneth Tynan Profiles* (Harper Collins Canada; 437 pages; \$19.95).

His descriptive and analytical skills were incredible, enabling him to capture the essence of a person in a phrase or a brief paragraph.

Consider his condensed description of **Arthur Miller**, the Brooklyn-born playwright of the classic *Death Of A Salesman*. Tynan regarded him as the epitome of a Jewish intellectual and wrote:

"He is a tall, ascetic folk hero, who might have stepped out of one of **John Ford's** better films — **Abraham Lincoln**, one might say in hornrims, making wry jokes in gnarled, relaxed language."

Tynan had an extraordinary keen eye for details. It so happened that I wrote a full-length magazine profile in the 1950s about **Judy Holliday** (born **Judith Tuvim**, the daughter of **Abraham**, a professional New York fund raiser for Jewish organizations). I thought I had interviewed thoroughly the so-called dumb-blonde heroine of *Born Yesterday*, written and directed by the Jewish New Yorker, **Garson Kanin**. But I missed completely Tynan's hawk-like observation that Judy "bit her fingernails with a sustained voracity."

Tynan goes on to quote Kanin's witty advice to her: "If you keep that up, the only part you'll be fit for will be the Venus de Milo."

Tynan always had a good ear for a good quip. In a profile of **Harry Kurnitz**, the scenario writer of more than 40 movies, including **Alfred Hitchcock's** *Witness For The Prosecution*, Tynan asked him, "What is it like to live in Hollywood?"

Kurnitz answered glumly, "The general sensation is like sinking slowly into a giant hopper of warm farina."

Kurnitz was also quick with a pun. He was once involved in a feud with **Lynn Loesser**; her husband, **Frank Loesser**, was the composer-lyricist for *Gypsy* and *Dolls*. And in Kurnitz's memorable



Judy Holliday

phrase: "Lynn is the evil of two Loessers."

Mel Brooks (originally **Melvyn Kaminsky**, celebrated for his manic parody of Hollywood Westerns, *Blazing Saddles*) supplied Tynan with the best definition ever of the difference between comedy and tragedy.

"Tragedy is if I cut my finger," said Brooks. "Comedy is if you walk into an open sewer and almost die."

Tynan concluded his profile with this illuminating anecdote recounted to him by actress **Anne Bancroft**, the wife of Brooks: "One evening, I came back late from a difficult rehearsal," she says. "Mel had been working at home all day. I was feeling very sorry for myself, and I wailed, 'Acting is so hard.' Mel picked up a blank sheet of paper and held it in front of me. 'That's what's hard,' he said. 'I've never complained about acting again.'"

Tynan entices you into reading his profile of the comedian **Lenny Bruce** (originally **Leonard Alfred Schneider** of Mineola, N.Y.) with these two arresting sentences: "Constant, abrasive irritation produces the pearl: it is a disease of the oyster. Similarly — according to the author, **Gustave Flaubert** — the artist is a disease of society."

But while some other critics maligned Bruce as the stickler's foul-mouthed comic of the 1960s, Tynan salutes him with these elegant phrases: "A nightclub Cassandra bringing news of impending chaos, a tightrope walker between morality and nihilism, a pearl miscast before swine."

Whether you agree or disagree with his sometimes abrasive witticisms, Tynan remains a pearl among profile writers.

My tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to 34-year-old actress **Elise Dewsberry**, who converted to Judaism when marrying Toronto cellist **Stephen Greene**. She is understudy for all the mature women (except **Barbara Hamilton** as Marilla) in *Anne of Green Gables*, running from March 15 until May 5 at the Elgin Theatre (872-5555). You may have seen her last season in the **Jim Betts** production of *Thin Ice*, playing the villainous CBC executive



Jacques Israelievitch

who tries to destroy hockey telecasts by feeding the players poisonous snacks.

Jacques Israelievitch, the Cannes-born violinist, in his third year as concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony, is making his debut as conductor of the orchestra in a program of Bach, Vivaldi, Handel and Telemann from March 20 to 22 at Roy Thomson Hall.

Then on April 17, 18 and 20, the 43-year-old charmer will be violin soloist at the world premiere of a new concerto for orchestra and violin. Commissioned by the Toronto Symphony,



Elizabeth Szathmary

the new work by Canadian composer **R. Murray Schafer** is titled majestically *The Darkly Splendid Earth: The Lone Traveller*. Actress **Fran Biderman** portrays the female lead in the Medina Theatre Ensemble's concert reading of the hilarious comedy, *Social Security*, directed by **Sean Mulcahy**, March 17 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. (785-1074).

Elizabeth Szathmary, the beautiful dancer, actress and artistic director of Inner Stage, portrays the legendary dancer **Isadora**



Elise Dewsberry

Duncan in *Bolero*, March 19 at Hart House Theatre (967-3548).

The multi-gifted **Zag Dorison** plays the ringmaster and the pimp and also is the playwright responsible for most of the text in choreographer **Paul Ibey's** version of the Frank Wedekind 19th-century classic *Lulu*, running from March 13 to 16 at the Winchester Street Theatre, 80 Winchester St. (360-7331). As a writer, using his birth name **Bill Zaget**, Dorison recently won the New Talent Award at the Quebec Dra-



Fran Biderman

ma Festival for his play, *Landspit*, and also won Toronto's Smile Company Playwright Competition for his script titled *Feathers*.

Similarly multi-talented is **Daniel Brooks**, actor, writer and artistic director of Toronto's new Augusta Company. He is co-author and co-star with **Guillermo Verdecchia** of *The Noam Chomsky Lectures*, running from March 13 to 31 at the Theatre Passe Muraille Backspace, 16 Ryerson Ave. (363-8988). The two-man show, which was a sensation at the Toronto Fringe Festival last year, is



Zag Dorison

based on the writings of the Jewish-American social and political radical **Noam Chomsky** and "reaffirms the theatre as a place of dissent."

I bow out with this exit line taken from a newspaper report commenting on the three new symphony orchestras created in Israel last year from the Jewish Soviet immigrants:

"The Israeli joke is that if Soviet immigrants get off the plane without violins under their arms, it's because they are pianists."

Dance marathon to help rebuild homes

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Holy Blossom's regular Tuesday night Israeli folk dancing group is holding a dance marathon beginning at 8 p.m. this Saturday, March 16, at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst Street.

The benefit will raise funds for the Tel Aviv Foundation (TAF) — an overseas arm of the municipality which seeks donors for civic improvement projects like parks and day care centres.

Rikudei am marathon organizers Nancy Weisman and her husband Marco Ben-Shimon said their group has at times attract-

ed crowds of up to 100 folk dancers, many of them Israeli expatriates.

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They are hoping for an even larger turnout for the marathon, which Weisman promised will feature old and new dance favorites for all levels. Admission is \$6. For more information call (416) 440-1552.

Gideon Saguy, the Tel Aviv Foundation's Canadian president, will speak at the marathon about TAF's current initiative to rebuild and repair facilities and homes destroyed or damaged in Iraq's 39-missile Scud barrage.

Saguy became TAF's Canadian representative in 1986 after retiring from Israel's diplomatic corps. His last posting was in Toronto as consul-general. In a telephone interview, Saguy estimated 4,000 of the 7,700 apartments damaged in the attacks across Israel are in Tel Aviv's municipal boundaries.

The balance, he said, are in other parts of the sprawl-



Gideon Saguy

ing metropolitan area such as Ramat Gan — which is not under TAF's aegis, and in greater Haifa.

Saguy reported Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat has asked TAF to embark on an emergency fund-raising campaign to assist Scud damage victims in his city.

The former foreign service officer accused **Mas Rechus** (Property Purchase Tax Office) officials of bureaucratic delays in issuing war damage compensation cheques.

He added that appraisals made by assessors of the government insurance fund are often inadequate to repair the damage [CJN Feb. 28].

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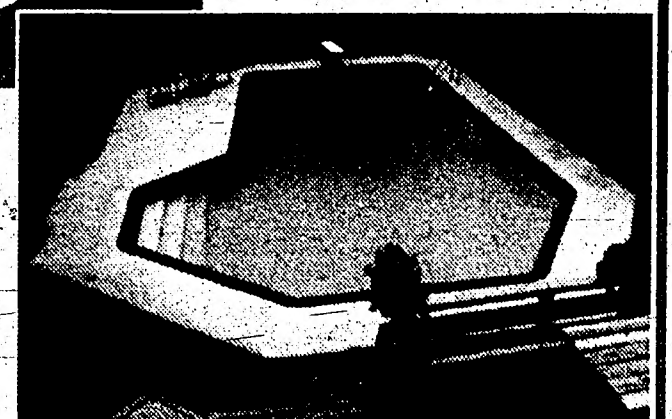
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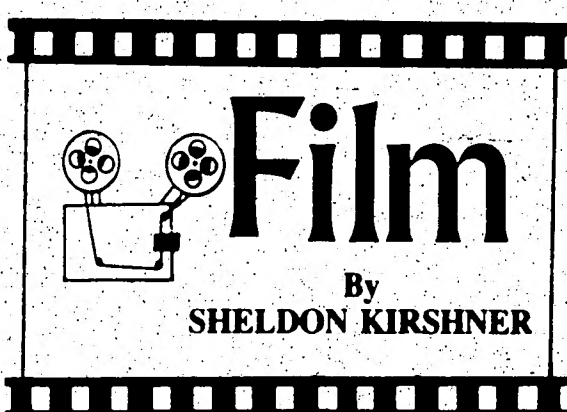
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Woody Allen and Bette Midler in Scenes From A Marriage.

Allen, Midler are lifeless in Scenes from A Marriage



Mazursky strikes out and Martin hits a good line drive...

Under optimum circumstances, a viewer could rightfully look forward to a film starring Woody Allen and Bette Midler and directed by Paul Mazursky. But in *Scenes From A Marriage*, Mazursky's eagerly anticipated romantic comedy, the results are less than gratifying and, in fact, disappointing. The problem lies with the dishearteningly limp screenplay, which merely hobbles along after a promising start. Hamstrung by Mazursky's and Roger Simon's largely lifeless lines, Allen and Midler don't stand much of a chance of breaking through the monotony. Rather than amusing us with their clever bon mots, which is what is expected of them, they bore us to slumber.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Scenes From A Marriage* turns on the true confessions of an upwardly mobile Jewish couple, Nick (Allen) and Deborah Feingold Fifer (Midler). The Fifers are celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary in an upbeat mood. Nick, a self-effacing sports lawyer who's a "killer" on the job, is on the verge of consummating a deal. Deborah, a psychologist, has just written a best-seller on marriage (*I Do, I Do, I Do*).

Clearly successful and affluent, the Fifers live in an airy house in Hollywood Hills (the kind you couldn't buy for less than \$1 million), dress up in fine, trendy clothes, and each drive a red Saab convertible.

And it would appear that they are blissfully content, not only with their two teenaged children, who they see off on a holiday ski weekend, but with the state of their own lives. With the kids safely packed off, Nick turns to Deborah ever so casually, and wonders out loud, "Can I interest you in making love?" But before the two lovers get down to the task at hand, they reaffirm their love for each other, and fend off pesky phone calls. At this early juncture, the dialogue is pregnant with sardonic humor, of which Allen and Midler are indubitable masters, and there is a presumption that the film may yet give birth to a mordant commentary on marriage, North American style, in the 1990s.

Our hopes, however, are soon dashed as Nick and Deborah head off to a spacious, squeaky clean mall, a metaphor for what passes for family diversion in the waning years of the 20th century.

As they make the rounds of the shops, feasting on Mexican food and downing margaritas, something comes over Nick, and he reveals that he's just ended a longish affair with a much younger woman. Deborah is suitably shocked and angered, only to confess that she, too, is guilty of infidelity. Her lover is none other than an urbane European psychologist

(Mazursky), who is glimpsed on the overhead TV screen of a book store promoting *I Do, I Do, I Do*.

Predictably, the Fifers engage in a running, contentious debate, which is neither funny nor illuminating. Allen, the archetypal schlemiel, is mostly charmless in this, his first picture in 15 years under another director, while Midler huffs and puffs interminably. Given the quality of the dialogue, the pair wriggle helplessly, like fish out of water.

Mazursky does manage to poke fun at the California car phone culture, conspicuous consumption and the craze for recycling. But that's about it. Otherwise, *Scenes From A Marriage* is definitely second-rate stuff, hardly up to the standards of Mazursky's previous movie, *Enemies, A Love Story*, which dealt sensitively and uproariously with Holocaust survivors trying to make order of disorder.

Martin shines in L.A. Story

L.A. STORY

Steve Martin is in fairly good form in *L.A. Story*, a satire of California life currently playing at Famous Players theatres.

Martin portrays Harris Telemacher, a slightly wacky TV weatherman whose heart flutters uncontrollably when he meets and falls in love with a cool British freelance journalist (Victoria Tennant, his off-screen wife).

Exhibiting a relatively well-honed penchant for mild-mannered antics, Martin delivers gags on civility, or lack thereof, on Los Angeles' freeways, zany driving habits, talking highway signs, the art of reserving tables in snotty restaurants, nonchalance amid an earth tremor and Los Angeles' notorious smog.

Not surprisingly, he doesn't bite the hand that feeds him — the movie moguls who so richly deserve to be satirized.

SNIPPETS

Stephen Frears is a distinguished British director with an awesome record — *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Prick Up Your Ears* and *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*. In *The Grifters*, his first American-made picture, Frears succeeds admirably.

Unfolding in the hard-boiled manner of a late 1940s U.S. film, *The Grifters* is a taut story of intrigue, passion, treachery, incest and survival largely set in Los Angeles.

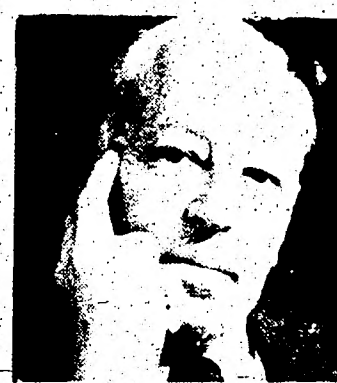
John Cusack stars as a cynical shyster, Annette Bening as his steamy, ruthless lover and Angelica Huston as Cusack's estranged, mysterious mother. The performances are topnotch. Watch for Cusack's menacing crooked smile, Bening's deceptive, angelic grin and Huston's sizzling high-heel, tight-dress routine.

A class act.

Book should be savored slowly

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Do the major texts of the Jewish tradition speak to us and to our needs and problems in the 20th century?

For our ancestors such works as the Talmud and Midrash, as well as the esteemed books of teachers and philosophers from the Middle Ages, were regarded as an unending reservoir of inspiration and wisdom. But are they relevant to the concerns of contemporary life? Are they of more than historical interest?

Barry W. Holtz, editor of the highly praised, *Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts*, is now concerned with how Jews who live in a secular world may explore how traditional texts can relate to the central issues in their lives.

The basic themes that this intelligent and thoughtful work examines are God, prayer, community, charity, friendship, justice, The Holy Land and spiritual growth.

Holtz's method is to analyze a brief selection from rabbinic or later literature, discuss its essential meaning and purpose, and then show how we can be spiritually enriched by its insights.

He argues that in rabbinic

ic theology there is no single theological case to be made. There is, instead, the ever-changing human perspective in which varied images speak to each individual. At some moments they make more sense and have more meaning than they do at others.

There are times, for example, when God "will speak to me as judge, or father, or friend... at other times God will be beyond all human images. God will be light, or place, or fire." What he means is that all of these are classic and proper intimations of the divine. Every person, guided by temperament, need, experience and cultural orientation will, of necessity, find a different path to understanding God.

One of our grievous modern problems is poverty. Here the rabbinic admonitions are as alive as they were in antiquity. The Talmud teaches that "When R. Joshua ben Levi went to Rome, he saw marble pillars there which had

milieus from marrying one another.

For the author the lesson seems clear and vital. At a time of religious, political and social tension among Jews within the community and in Israel, the tolerant behaviour of Hillel and Shammai shows the way to mutual regard and reconciliation.

Above all, the author is convinced that all Jews — no matter how much or how little they are connected to Judaism — are engaged in a dynamic relationship with it. This means that as human beings we are always changing and that such change, when positive, signifies maturity and growth. Growing "involved re-evaluation, new learning and reflection."

Holtz is a fine teacher, learned and open-minded, reverent of the tradition, but eager to make it pertinent and accessible. This is a book to be savored slowly as the reader grows in knowledge and appreciation of how what is "old" can enrich and illuminate what is "new."

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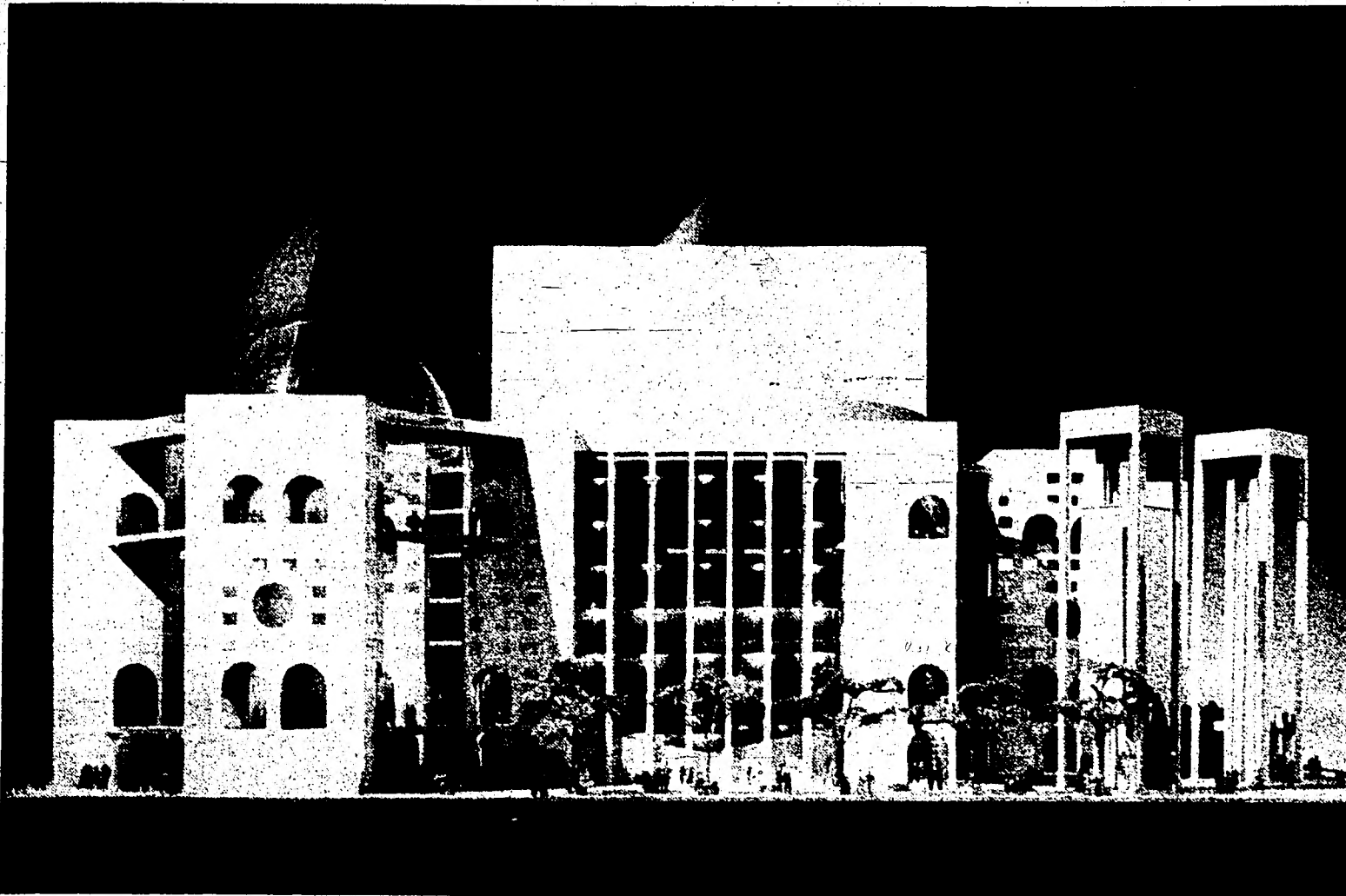
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A cloud hangs over Moshe Safdie's proposed Toronto Ballet Opera House.

Supporters decide to continue plan

Ballet Opera House still alive

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Despite Finance Minister Michael Wilson's announcement Feb. 26 that the federal government is scrapping its \$88 million pledge to Toronto's Ballet Opera House, supporters say architect Moshe Safdie's proposed \$320 million arts complex is still alive.

Sue Harvey, director of operational planning for the Ballet Opera House Corporation, told The CJN the project's board of directors met last weekend and unanimously decided to continue toward the goal of building a permanent, 2,200-seat home for the

National Ballet of Canada and the Canadian Opera Company.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin this spring at a site on the corner of Bay and Wellesley Streets that had been donated by the provincial government, with the curtain going up in 1994.

Harvey declined to speculate when work will now begin.

The volunteer board's immediate goal is to get Queen's Park to transfer title to the site, she reported.

The board has a "very strong resolve to work ahead," she said. "Clearly the need for a Ballet Opera House doesn't go away."

Despite Harvey's optimism, financing and fundraising problems, especially during the current recession, may yet lead to the ambitious project's demise.

On Nov. 9, Ontario's newly-elected New Democratic Party government cancelled the \$55-million contribution pledged during the previous regime of Liberal Premier David Peterson.

The withdrawal of funding at both the federal and provincial levels scuttled a \$20-million promise over four years from Metro Council that was contingent on support from the other two levels of government.

If built, the Ballet Opera House would be Safdie's

first project in Toronto. The 52-year-old Haifa-born architect of Syrian-Jewish ancestry, who moved to Canada in 1953, is best-known for Habitat, which he designed for Montreal's Expo '67.

Other Safdie-designed Canadian landmarks include his \$117-million National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, which opened in May 1988, and his \$39-million Musee de la civilisation in Quebec City, which followed five months later.

Safdie's annex of Montreal's Musee des beaux arts is scheduled for completion later this year. His renovation and expansion of Ottawa's City Hall will be finished in 1993.

Internship in Yiddish available

TORONTO —

The Friends of Yiddish in Toronto, and the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Mass. are offering a summer internship for the summer of 1991. (June 3 to July 26).

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Deadline for applications is March 21, 1991. For further information please contact Sylvia Lustgarten, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2 or telephone 635-2883, ext. 155.

Film on Syrian Jewry to aid Village Shul

TORONTO —

The acclaimed film about the plight of Syrian Jewry, *In the Shadows, the Tragedy of the Syrian Jews*, will be screened Tuesday, March 19 at Forest Hill Collegiate Institute (730 Eglinton Ave. W.) beginning at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go toward raising money for the evening's sponsor, the Village Shul and Learning Centre.

One-fifth of the funds raised will go to the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands.

On hand to introduce the 40-minute documentary and talk about its making

actress and writer Caryl Chernin.

A question-and-answer session after the film will be handled by Judy Feld Carr, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, and Smedar Peretz of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Toronto office.

The film, the first about Syrian Jewry in more than a decade, is a compelling look at the oppressive and frightening conditions under which the country's 4,300 Jews live.

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Let's give a cheery hello to *Bye Bye Birdie*.

The 1960, Tony Award-winning Broadway musical (running until March 24 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 630-6752) deserves a warm welcome.

I guarantee it'll help you say bye bye to the still wintry blahs of March.

Or, in the upbeat phrase of one of the 16 songs by composer Charles Strouse and lyricist Lee Adams, it's a nostalgia revival that'll encourage you to "Put on a happy face/Spreading sunshine all over the place."

A musical satire of the

teenage bobbysoxers shrieking worshipfully during the Elvis Presley era, it deals with a rock singing star named Conrad Birdie who is about to be inducted into the army.

The fun comes when his agent Albert and Albert's longtime sweetheart-cum-secretary Rosie dream up a publicity stunt gone haywire. In their scheme a 15-year-old member of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club named Kim is supposed to give her hero a last farewell kiss on the *Ed Sullivan TV Show*.

The real star of this musical parody is not Vance Avery, a sleek-haired



Deann DeGrujter is a very funny-comedienne, hooper and singer, who dominates *Bye Bye Birdie*.

graduate of the Toronto productions of *Les Misérables* and *Cats*. He wiggles his pelvis à la Elvis

mechanically but not very sexily in the title role of Conrad Birdie.

Neither does David

Scammell (who performed adequately at the Posluns in *Berlin To Broadway* and *Applause*) emerge as a star in the role of the agent Albert. Unlike Dick Van Dyke, who won a Tony Award in that part, Scammell delivers an acceptable but not very exciting performance.

The true star of the show is Deann DeGrujter, who is simply wonderful in the role of Rosie. After watching her in action for the past four seasons at the Shaw Festival — most recently in *Present Laughter* and *Nymph Errant* — I consider her the funniest musical comedy comedienne in Canada. I commend producer Reva Stern and director Bob Ainslie for giving her a break; she has been too long ignored in her native Toronto. Her talents as a hooper, singer and mugger are especially a wow in the two comic numbers, *Spanish Rose* and *What Did I Ever See In Him?*

Two other scene-stealers are also outstanding. Joyce Gordon, who happens to be Jewish, is hilarious as Albert's martyred and highly possessive Yiddish Momma, responsible for his clinging to bachelorhood: "So marry Rosie and I'll put my head in the oven . . . You're just like your father. You'd marry anything."

camera hog, with a manic gleam in his eyes, trying to upstage his daughter on the *Ed Sullivan Show*.

Altogether, it's a *frailech*, fun-time show.

My raspberry of the week goes to *Time And The Conways* (running until April 6 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, 872-3333). Time is the enemy and it has defeated J. B. Priestley's terribly dated and tedious 1937 play about the passing of time.

His ponderous and insubstantial reflections also vanquish the eminent British actress Joan Plowright, widow of Sir Laurence Olivier, their two actress daughters, Julie-Kate and Tamsin Olivier, and their son, Richard Olivier, director of this soporific family hodgepodge.

Oh, that Sir Laurence were still alive and available to breathe some life into a pompous piece of philosophy masquerading as a play!

Priestley's
play
tedious
and dated

And Sven Van de Ven, who is also a Shaw Festival alumnus, convulsed me with laughter as Kim's father. He portrays a

Performers eager to participate

Kadima concert to aid Israelis

TORONTO —

An incredible outpouring of community concern has led to a concert to benefit Israel's Scud missile victims.

The concert, which will be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on March 19 at 7:45 p.m., was organized by Kadima Club of Toronto Na'amat.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Kadima president Orit Nusbaum. "Every performer we asked was eager to be part of the show. Some are flying in from New York, just for that evening!"

Among those participating is one of Israel's leading singing stars, Svika Pick, the writer and performer of some of Israel's most popular songs. *Shma Yisrael* catapulted him to fame, and he has remained at the top with such hit songs as *Marylou* and *Elef Nishikot* (A Thousand Kisses).

One of Canada's top stars, comedian/satirist Dave Broadfoot, has also volunteered. "All Canadians are distressed about the suffering of the innocent civilian population of Is-

rael. I'm looking forward to being part of this effort to restore some personal effects to the Scud missile victims."

The theme of the concert will be *We Won't Stop Singing*, the title of a song which typifies the unbending spirit of the Israelis. It will be sung as the opening number by the 60 voice Bialik Hebrew Day School Choir under the direction of Doron Ophir.

Among the other performers will be Yehuda Elias, Kuby Chai, Ahuva Shai, Effi Zohar, Moti Zingboim, Danny Pollock and Select Band.

Emcee for the evening will be radio personality Jim Paulson of CING FM 108.

Inspiration for the concert came from a letter, sent to Toronto on Feb. 11 from Masha Lubelsky, secretary general of Na'amat, Israel.

"We are supplying basic necessities to about 500 families whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed and who have been moved to hotels," the letter said. "Even those

whose homes are still standing have no clothes because everything is filled with glass splinters and is unwearable.

"Many are in such a state of shock that they refuse to leave the hotel to which they were moved in the middle of the night wearing pyjamas."

"So our members bring them some outer clothing, with bras, underwear, socks, toothbrushes and personal supplies. We have to supply diapers, not just for the babies, but also for the older children who started to wet their beds in the wake of the attack."

Between the date of that letter and the end of the Gulf War, several hundred more families were displaced by missiles. Na'amat maintains an ongoing commitment to provide first person involved care in helping those traumatized Scud victims to rebuild their lives and

replace what they lost in the rubble of their homes.

Concert tickets are available through Israel's Judaica Centre, Negev Bookstore, and Matana Judaica.

A special section of seats has been reserved for donors of \$50 or more and a reception with the stars following the concert has been arranged for donors of \$100 and up.

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Israel Philharmonic
reconfirms concert

TORONTO —

The Toronto Symphony has announced that as a result of the ceasefire in the Persian Gulf, they are pleased to reconfirm the appearance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday, March 23, at Roy Thomson Hall.

Due to the crisis in the Middle East, the orchestra has been unable to perform the Mahler Symphony No. 9 prior to their tour, consequently while in North America the Israel Philharmonic will be performing the following program:

Zubin Mehta, music director and conductor, Maxim Vengerov, violin performing Josef Tal's *Symphony No. 2 In One Movement*; Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto in D Major*, Op. 35; Brahms' *Symphony No. 4 in E minor*, Op. 98.

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By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Not all Jewish Canadian snowbirds fly south to their winter nesting grounds in Florida, says Nurit Grossman of Kibbutz Galon. Some wing it east to Netanya on Israel's Mediterranean coast.

For the past three years, Grossman — an education shalicha of the Jewish National Fund of Canada posted in Montreal — has been promoting Canadian Active Retirees in Israel (CARI), which she calls winter with a difference.

Co-founded in 1986 by Montreal's Golden Age Association and the JNF's Quebec region office, the program includes either two- or three-month off-season stays in the resort city bushwacking in nearby JNF afforestation projects, volunteering in hospitals, and doing community work with needy elderly, youth and immigrants.

The itinerary also includes trips to the Golan, Dead Sea and Eilat.

Grossman reports 100 seniors participated in CARI two winters ago, and 70 in 1989.

This year, due to the Gulf crisis, registration was down and the three-month package was scrapped, she explains.

But 15 spry Canadians plus eight Americans ranging in age from 55 to 85 were undeterred by the threat of war and flew out on Jan. 7.

Not one packed their bags 10 nights later when Saddam Hussein unleashed his initial Scud barrage.

"We asked them if they wanted to return home earlier, but they insisted on staying," emphasized Ben Prossin, the JNF's Ontario region director.

After enduring all 39 missile attacks — protected by their gas masks and sealed rooms — the CARI group returned last Monday — as scheduled, and not one day sooner.

At a press conference at Pearson International airport here, the unlikely heroes looked ebullient.

"I had the privilege to be

in Israel in this period. It was the highest moment in my life," said Isaac Yodits, 81, of Montreal.

David Shizgal, 78, a Montreal dentist, reported all the participants were beseeched by their children to leave. "But we stayed on. Once we were there, we were committed."

He said it was almost embarrassing that strangers would stop them on the street and thank them for not fleeing.

Richard Rabin, 81, of Edmonton, called CARI "an eye opener. I learned more in this than in my 20 previous visits."

Faigie Jakin, 69, of Montreal, who wore a sweat-shirt emblazoned "We stayed Jan. 15, 1991 Israel," recalled being woken by an alarm at 2 a.m. on Jan. 18.

"It was an incredibly scary moment. The minute the sirens go off, your stomach starts to turn."

Margot Shuster, 79, of Winnipeg, took a more sanguine view of the terror attacks. "Look, I've survived the Holocaust so I wasn't going to be scared of this."

Esther Smith, 68, of Montreal, credited well-organized civil defence authorities for preventing

public panic.

She reflected, "Thank God it's all over."

Says Grossman of the CARI stalwarts: "They remember when there wasn't an Israel. They're very gung-ho. They're the best ambassadors Israel has."

For information about the CARI program, call the JNF at (416) 638-7200 or (514) 934-0313.



CARI volunteers just back from two months in Netanya. From left are Rita Shizgal, Margot Shuster, Faigie Jakin and Esther Smith. [Alron photo]

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Passover has become a time for many families, and individuals, to schedule their annual vacations. Resorts in different parts of North America, aware of this development, are now advertising strictly kosher Passover destinations as early as the preceding fall.

The choices are numerous and diverse. This year one can plan a skiing holiday, even on Passover, or a Caribbean stay. One can explore the west coast, in a number of resorts (even one with a scholar-in-residence), or stay close to New York City, and enjoy its attractions, in between the Passover celebrations.

A combination ski vacation and Passover celebration is available this year at the Hyatt Regency Beaver Creek, in Colorado.

A Caribbean Passover vacation is now possible at the Golden Tulip Resort in Aruba, where a fitness centre, tennis and water sports, along with traditional seders and religious services, are part of the package.

Another Passover vacation by the blue waters is offered this year in Mexico, at the Acapulco Pierre Marqués Princess.

In the United States the east and west coasts, and Florida, are the three most popular areas for Passover vacations. On the east coast, as far north as Cape Cod, Mass., the Tara Hyannis is being outfitted for Passover celebrations.

In New Jersey, the Ocean Place Resort, of Long Branch, and Atlantic City's International Hotel are other Passover sites by the sea.

The Pocono Mountains,

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The Cultural Affairs and Education Department of The Workmen's Circle has prepared a brochure listing the details of the above programs. For a copy of the brochure, write to The Workmen's Circle, Cultural and Education Department, 45 East 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016 or call (212) 889-6800. Outside of the New York metropolitan area call 1-800-922-2558.

in Pennsylvania, are the locale for a number of different resorts with Passover packages. Mount Airy Lodge, only 90 minutes from New York City, boasts a "huge indoor sports palace," with free ice skating (and free skate rental), and an Olympic size pool. This resort has Torah classes, top Broadway shows, horseback riding, free boating and sailing.

The entire Tamiment Resort, in the Poconos, is kosher for Passover. Extensive recreation facilities, and Torah classes await guests at this resort, where the Tea Room remains open at all times.

In the Catskill Mountains, Passover can be celebrated at the Homewick, the Concord and the New Brown's Resort, to name a few. The Concord provides Orthodox, Sephardi and Conservative services for guests. For children it makes a special Passover pizza. Its entertainment agenda for Passover will feature klezmer music, prominent speakers, and appearances by actor Red Buttons, and singer Tony Martin.

At the New Brown's Resort the entire hotel is kosher for Passover. Recently renovated at a cost of \$2 million, the resort is situated on 260 acres of land and houses numerous sports and athletic facilities. There is a health club, indoor roller-skating rink, indoor pool, and a long list of other attractions.

Going south, to Florida, families can spend Passover this year near Disney World, and the Epcot Center, by staying at the Innisbrook Resort, in Tampa, situated on a 1,000 acre wooded estate.

Orlando's Sheraton World Resort lists, for Passover, a Gala Midnight Buffet, a 24-hour Tea Room, along with exclusive Passover shows at Sea World and Universal Studios. All this is, of course, in addition to the traditional Passover seders, and holi-

day celebrations.

A combination spa and fitness vacation, plus Passover celebration, is available at the Bonaventure Resort in Fort Lauderdale, where the entire hotel will be kosher for Passover.

In Miami Beach, besides the year-round kosher hotels, the Fontainebleau and the Alexander will host Passover guests as well. The all-suite Alexander also has special Seder packages, in addition to the full holiday packages. The hotel's beautiful grounds have two pools, several whirlpools, and a waterfall. Its spacious two-bedroom suites can accommodate up to six people.

A new restaurant in Miami Beach, Benjamin's, will be kosher for Passover. Those staying nearby can have their Passover meals at this restaurant, and enjoy the freedom of going by their own schedule, rather than that of a hotel dining room. Among the nearby accommodations is the luxury Doral Ocean Beach Resort, which has reasonable pack-

age rates during the Passover season, with many amenities, and access to the Doral Country Club. Up to two children under 17 stay free in their parents' room.

Those looking for a quiet spot for celebrating Passover near the ocean, can inquire about the villas at the Sonesta Beach Hotel in Miami's Key Biscayne. These comfortable villas come with their own swimming pools, and have access to the hotel's many facilities.

On the west coast, the Ojai Valley Inn, in Ojai, Calif., will have Rabbi Maurice Lamm as scholar-in-residence during Passover. The resort, near Los Angeles, provides golf, tennis and many other sports opportunities. Further to the south, in California, Passover accommodation is available at San Diego's La Costa Spa and Resort. In Palm Springs, the Doubletree Resort, at the Desert Princess, is another Passover location. The entire hotel will be kosher for Passover.

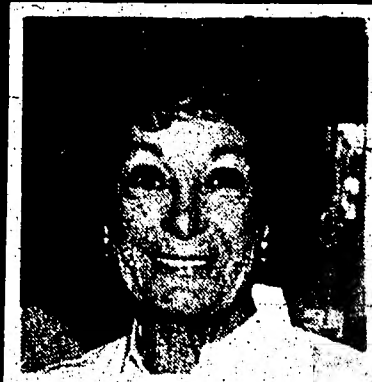
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Supplement based on senior's income

Question: My mother is a widow with a small income. What are the requirements for the Guaranteed Income Supplement and how do we go about getting it?

Answer: The Guaranteed Income Supplement is only available to people in receipt of Old Age Security (OAS). The supplement is based on the pensioner's income in the preceding calendar year. Effective Jan. 1, 1991, the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement is \$421.79 per month for a single pensioner.

To qualify for the supplement, there is an income test requirement. This means you must complete an application form, which may be obtained from your local office of Health and Welfare Canada. This form requires the disclosure of all income from all sources except OAS.

The form is then submitted to Health and Welfare Canada, which will notify you if you qualify. The

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form comes with a complete set of instructions which makes it relatively easy to complete.

Question: I have locked-in RRSPs from my pension that I do not want to turn into an annuity. I think the regulations will change permitting such a transfer to a locked-in RRIF. Until that time, can I withdraw \$6,000 from my other RRSP plans to contribute to a spousal RRSP?

Answer: The short answer is no. The only eligi-

ble transfer of \$6,000 to a spousal RRSP is from a pension received from employment. Canada Pension and Old Age Security as well do not qualify. Unless your locked-in RRSP is converted to an annuity, you cannot make the spousal contribution.

Question: I understand that the new RRSP rules allow a person to make an \$8,000 overcontribution without a penalty. How does this work and it is a good idea?

Answer: With the implementation of the 1991 RRSP rules came a new rule specifically dealing with overcontributions. You now are allowed a cumulative lifetime maximum overcontribution of \$8,000. If you overcontribute to your RRSP, Revenue Canada will notify you.

If you withdraw the overcontribution in the year you receive the notice or in the following year, you will be able to recover any income tax withheld by the RRSP issuer at the time of withdrawal. This is done by submitting a completed form T746.

Although you cannot get a tax deduction for an overcontribution, the funds while on deposit in your RRSP will accumulate, tax sheltered. This is a definite advantage which has given rise to a strategy of intentionally making an overcontribution for the full amount.

Critics of this strategy make the point that the \$8,000 overcontribution is not tax deductible now but is taxable later when the RRSP funds are ultimately taken into income. This means you will have paid tax twice on the \$8,000. It would take about 14 years of tax-sheltered growth on the \$8,000 to offset the potential additional income tax.

Proponents of the plan state that because of changes to section 146(5) of the Income Tax Act, you may allocate the overcontribution as a future regular contribution ideally in your final RRSP year. In this way the \$8,000 would become a tax deduction and the double taxation would be avoided.

Like all ideas of this nature, it's called a good strategy until someone in government decides it's a loophole and closes it. We certainly think it is worth considering because there really is no penalty according to the way the rules now are written.

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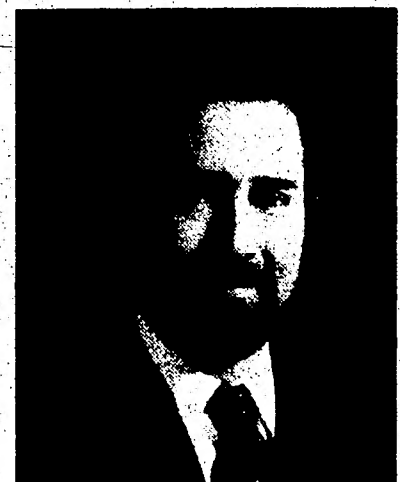
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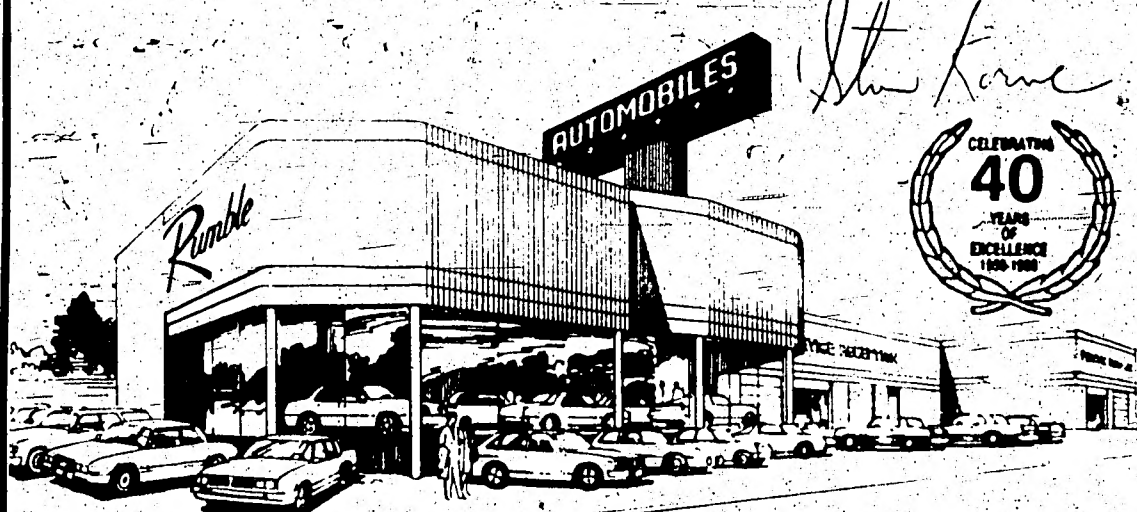


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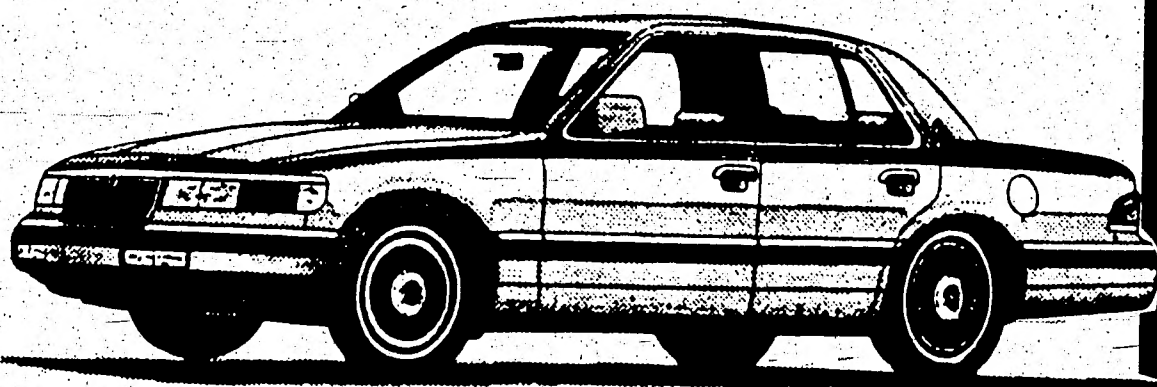
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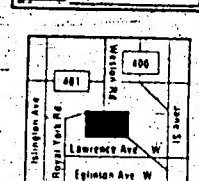
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Invest Canadian and get preferential rate

All income is not created equal in the Canadian tax system.

Dividends from Canadian sources are taxed at a preferential rate when compared to interest income. This result recognizes the fact that tax has already been paid by the corporation.

At the top individual marginal tax rate, a dividend will attract approximately 32 per cent tax in 1990. This tax rate compares to a top rate of 48 per cent for interest and 36 per cent for capital gains. Because of the mechanism associated with dividends, an individual without any other source of income could receive approximately \$22,000 of cash dividends without any tax cost.

The recipient of dividends is normally required to include the amount in income. However, in some cases it may be beneficial (and permissible) to report dividends received by one's spouse. In order to take advantage of this measure, the transfer of dividends between spouses must increase the spouse's claim for the married tax credit.

The effective tax rate on portfolio dividends earned by a corporation in 1991 is approximately seven per cent lower than if earned directly by a top tax-rate individual. Accordingly, in some cases it may be beneficial to transfer dividend-yielding investments to a corporation.

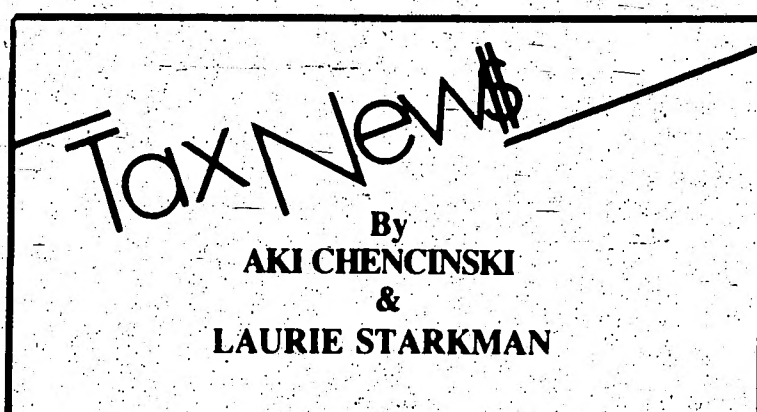
The apparent tax savings derived by incorporating such dividends will only be available as long as the funds are retained in the corporation. Other costs of incorporating such income, including the loss of the capital gains exemption for gains generated by corporations, will have to be considered prior to implementing such a strategy.

As well, the transfer of such shares to a corporation may yield capital gains which may be recognized or deferred, as desired. Care must be exercised in this type of transaction.

Interest income, from any source, is reportable for income tax purposes. It is taxed at the same rate as business and employment income.

The methods for reporting this income have undergone significant changes over the past several years. For the most part, the changes accelerate the reporting of interest income.

For investments acquired prior to 1990, where interest payments are deferred for three or more years, individuals are required (at a minimum) to



report the income on these "investment contracts" every three years.

This does not prohibit an investor from reporting his interest income annually on the full accrual basis. Investment contracts consist of such items as term deposits, GICs, Canada Savings Bonds, mortgages and other similar debt obligations.

For investments purchased after 1989, the three-year accrual method of reporting interest income, noted above, is not available. Interest income on these investments must be reported using an annual basis of reporting. Financial institutions will issue a T5 slip.

Despite this fact, taxpayers

acquiring interest bearing investments in 1990 can defer the reporting of interest income on these investments to 1991 by opting for a maturity date in 1991. The same holds true for investments acquired in 1991. However, if the term of the investment contract is longer than one year, taxpayers may find themselves paying taxes before receiving their income.

Investment income may also have an impact on the ability to claim the capital gains exemption. A cumulative net investment loss (CNIL) may restrict access to the exemption (see CJN Feb. 28). Interest and dividend income reduces the balance in the CNIL pool and, as a result,

may assist taxpayers in accessing the capital gains exemptions.

Historically, taxpayers have made concerted efforts to shift investment income into the hands of lower-income family members. This process known as "income splitting" used to be a favorite pastime for tax planners.

One method that remains involves the gifting of cash or property to a child over the age of 17. Any income earned on the gift will be taxed in the child's hands. However, the fact that control over the property is relinquished must be considered before this approach is contemplated.

Also, consider the case of a husband and wife who have joint ownership in the family home. The low-income spouse can sell his/her interest in the home to the higher-income

spouse for cash or income-producing assets.

This transaction should take place at fair market value. It results in the conversion of a non-income-producing asset into an income asset in the hands of the lower-income spouse.

Any resulting gain can be sheltered through using the principal residence exemption and/or capital gains exemption.

In the same regard, the higher-income earner's capital should be used to pay household and other personal expenses and the lower income spouse's tax liability/installments. This maintains the lower-income spouse's capital for investment purposes.

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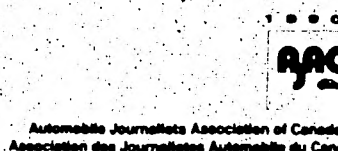
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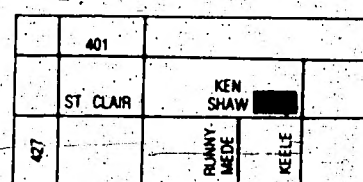
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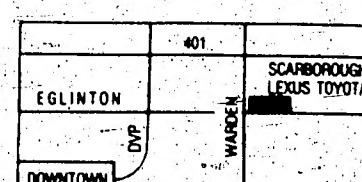
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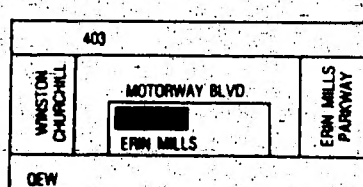
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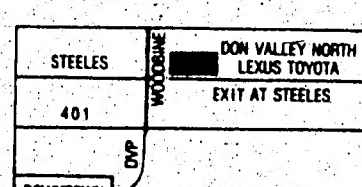
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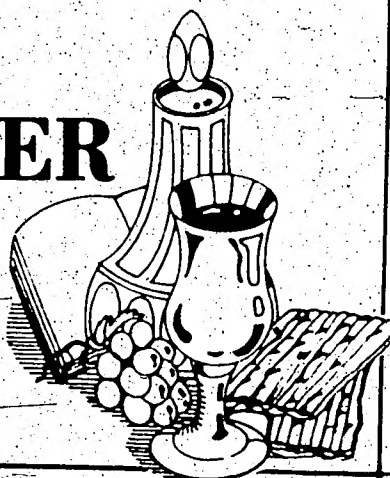
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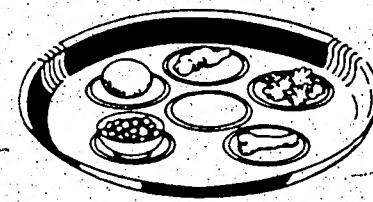
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PASSOVER FOOD

International flair adds zest to Seder menu

By
LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

Jews all over the world look forward to Passover, which this year begins on March 29.

Every generation makes this all important event come alive for its own celebrants. Jewish homemakers prepare wonderful and delicious foods for the Seder meal, dishes tasty enough to serve to royalty.

Given the kosher l'Pesach rules, it isn't easy to come up with an exotic Passover menu. And, if your family chooses to follow a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, the difficulty is compounded.

For example, eggs are probably the highest cholesterol food. Yet they are used almost exclusively in Passover baking where no other rising agent is allowed. A good sponge cake alone uses at least 12 eggs. It is not the only Passover food in which eggs predominate so dramatically. So, can you follow all the rules and still prepare a fabulous Seder feast? The answer is "yes" if you plan carefully and follow some of the recipes suggested below.

After the Jews left Spain in 1492, they lived all over the world. As a result, they picked up the culinary styles of wherever they lived. This means you can draw on recipes from all over the world to enhance your Seder feast.

For instance, instead of making your usual apple-wine-nut Charoses, prepare Egyptian Charoses, a mixture that uses ingredients available in Egypt, like raisins and dates, rather than the apples accessible to Eastern Europeans. This sweet, jam-like mixture looks like Nile River mud and serves to remind us of the hard construction work forced on the Israelites.

Cook wonderful fresh artichokes for your appetizer. Prepare them Italian style, in a tasty boiling liquid flavored with garlic, olive oil and lemon juice. Fill them with Mediterranean Fish Salad, a dish typical of Spain, Morocco and other Mediterranean locales.

Usually, this preparation "cooks" fresh fish by marinating it in lemon juice. If you are concerned that this "cooking" process might not kill all bacteria that may be in the fish, freeze your fish for 24 hours before making the salad.

Select a low-fat, firm-fleshed fish like halibut. Not only is it a healthier choice, but it allows you to enjoy the wonderful marinade (which does contain olive oil) guilt-free.



Sliced turkey and stuffing are the cornerstone of this international Seder menu. [Bill Aron photo]

In a way, Passover is a thanksgiving celebration. In North America Thanksgiving turkey, stuffing and sweet yams go hand-in-hand. So, for the main dish, select roast turkey with a sweet yam and matzoh stuffing. Turkey is a lower-cholesterol entree that everyone enjoys.

For the lowest fat and cholesterol choice, roast a turkey breast. Do not rub the outside with extra oil or margarine. Make it tasty by dampening the outside with water before cooking so the seasonings stick.

On Passover, you can make stuffing with matzoh. Mix it with yams, onions, carrots and celery. The combination is so tasty you may want to make this stuffing on other occasions as well. Use

no-fat chicken broth instead of oil for moistening the stuffing and for sauteing the vegetables. It adds a lot of flavor as well as cuts calories.

Round out your dinner with a Spinach Souffle prepared in the French style. Prepare a roux of margarine and Passover potato starch. Use no-fat chicken broth. Omit the egg yolks, but whip up plenty of whites.

For the grand finale, prepare an English Trifle. Start with a lovely Passover angel food cake. Make a pudding of potato starch, sugar and orange juice. Generously sprinkle the cake slices with sherry.

Use colorful sliced fresh fruits — strawberries, orange slices and kiwis — instead of jam or preserves to keep

the calories down and the beauty high. Layer all these ingredients into an attractive glass bowl or trifle dish. A spectacular finish to the meal.

EGYPTIAN CHAROSES

1 lb. dried raisins
8 oz. pitted dates
2 cups water
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup chopped almonds

Place the raisins and dates in a bowl with two cups water (or enough water to cover). Let stand overnight.

Drain. Place this mixture in your food processor or blender. Add the sugar and process until the mixture is well chopped. To serve, sprinkle with chopped almonds.

Makes four cups. Per tablespoon: 37 calories; 4 g protein; 9 g carbohydrate; 3 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

ITALIAN-STYLE ARTICHOKE

10 medium artichokes,
stems and top thorns
removed
water
1 tsp. salt (or to taste)
juice of ½ lemon
1 tbsp. oil

Half fill a pot large enough to hold all the ingredients (or two smaller pots, if necessary) with water. Add the other ingredients, except the artichokes. Cover and bring to a boil.

When the water is boiling, add the artichokes. Cover, and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook, covered, for 30 minutes or until done. (Larger artichokes require longer cooking time.)

If a leaf pulls easily from the artichoke and is tender, the artichoke is ready. Cool.

When the artichoke is cool enough to handle, slightly separate the leaves at the opening. Using a small spoon, remove the thistle and discard. Chill. Just before serving time, fill with Mediterranean Fish Salad.

Per serving (without salad): 53 calories; 2.8 g protein; 12.4 g carbohydrate; 2 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

MEDITERRANEAN MARINATED FISH SALAD

1½ lb. halibut (or any
other firm fleshed
white fish)
3 bell peppers (red,
green and yellow),
chopped coarsely
1 large onion, chopped
½ cup chopped parsley
1 cucumber, peeled,
seeded and chopped
1 tsp. salt, or to taste
ground pepper to taste
1 clove garlic, chopped
finely

½ cup olive oil
½ cup white wine
1 tsp. oregano
½ tsp. dried basil

2 cups fresh lemon juice
parsley sprigs, for garnish

Cut the fillets into one inch cubes.

Place the prepared fish in a glass bowl. Add the peppers, onion, parsley, cucumber, garlic, salt and pepper.

Combine the rest of the ingredients for the marinade. Pour these over the fish and vegetable mixture. Marinate several hours or overnight.

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These wines will get you into the spirit

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

This Passover, no one will whine about this year's crop of Israeli wines.

Carol Slatt of Lorac Wines, the marketing associate of the Galilee Wine Company, the sole agent for Carmel and Amadeus products, says that a number of new wines are here.

"The Rothschild Cabernet Sauvignon is a great buy for Passover. It is an excellent aged wine, 1985, and of the very best vintage.

"Don't forget the always popular Sauvignon Blanc, French Colombard, Hock, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sacramental, Concord, Chateau Richon Vin

Blanc and Rishon Brandy 777 — they are always winners."

Slatt said the Amadeus line offers Peach and Triple Sec/Orange liqueurs for those who like orange flavor for desserts, cooking or an addition to champagne. As well, other liqueurs here include an Almodif flavor, Coffee and Abtei, a blend of herbs.

A new after-dinner drink is Topaz and brand new to Canada is a semi-sweet white wine called Fantasia. Galilee also has Carmel extra-dry champagnes and sparkling wines.

"At wine tastings and by subjecting Carmel Wines to blind taste comparisons, I always prove the Carmel wines

from Israel have changed and can compete with all wines and spirits — kosher and non-kosher — from all over the world," said Slatt, who began her venture with Claude Abrams of Galilee Wine on March 1.

Slatt says she is committed to improving the quality, marketing and packaging of Carmel Wines and supporting Israel.

"This is the most valid way that I know that I can support our country — economically, politically and sociologically."

Israel has five excellent wine-growing regions — Galilee, Shomron, Samson, the Judean Hills and the Negev.

COR list published
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The Canadian
Jewish news

Sage's tips still valid
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PASSOVER FOOD

Goods, services under supervision listed

TJC's Kashruth Council has released Pesach flyer

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress publishes a Passover flyer of the foods and services under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

Here are the names of the manufacturers and services for Passover from the 1991 flyer.

Baked Goods: Carmel Bakery; Hermes Bakery.

Beverages: Canada Dry Bottling Co. Ltd. — Club Soda, Gingerale; Pepsi Cola Canada Ltd. — Pepsi; Pop Factor — Cola, Cream Soda, Gingerale, Orange, Reinhardt seltzer.

Chocolates and Confections: Chocolate Charm Ltd., Finesse Chocolate, Lieberman's Splendid Chocolates.

Dairy Products: Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Ault Foods Ltd. (Sealtest Products), Fieldfresh Farms Inc. (Oshawa Group — fluid milk), Great Canadian Food Products Co. (hard cheeses), La Briut Dairy, Lana Brand, Stern's Cholev Yisroel Kosher Products (milk), Westhill Dairy Inc. (Blue Bell, Bird's Hill, Western Old Country Butter); Western, Liberty, Nordica (cottage cheese).

Fish Products: Feature Foods Ltd., Smoked Fish Factory; Strub Bros. Ltd. (All smoked fish must carry a Passover label.)

Fish Markets: Akiva's

Fish Market; Food City; Gershon's Fish Market; Hartmans Kosher Meats; Sunnybrook Foods Ltd.

Fruit Salad and Frozen Ice Desserts: Amber Foods Ltd.; Dessertcraft Products Corp.; Mini Pac Foods; Marcee's Sweets (frozen ice dessert).

Honey and Sugar: Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd.; Redpath Sugars.

Novelty Stores: Baskets 'n' Stuff; Happy Days; Kosher & Natural.

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Caterers and Take-out Foods: Beth Tzedec —

Caterers York and Sweet York Desserts; Pride of Israel — Max Zuchter Caterer; Shaarei Tefillah — Rose Lazar Catering Service; Kosher Meats & Treats; Lechaim Caterers; H. Perl; Peter Graben Caterers; Rachel's Catering; Strolli's; Tastefully Yours; Yossi's Fine Foods.

Butcher Shops:

Abram's Kosher Meat; Food City (Clark and Hilda); B. Goldstein; Hartmans Kosher Meats; Joe Kirshen's Strictly Kosher Butcher Shop; Kosher Meats & Treats; Manor Kosher Meat Market; H.



Perl; Prime Kosher (Loblaw's) Springers; Strolli's, Sunnybrook Foods Ltd.

Fresh and frozen pack-

aged meat (check all packaged meats for the COR symbol): Food City (Bathurst and Steeles);

Highland Farms Inc. (4750 Dufferin St.); IGA (Leslie and Cummer); Kosher City Ltd. (3515 and 7380

Bathurst St.); Miracle Food Mart (Bathurst and Hillmount, Bathurst and Sheppard, Bathurst and Steeles, Don Mills and Steeles); Sunnybrook Foods Ltd. (Finch and Bathurst).

Kosher Meat Distributor: Quality Kosher Foods (wholesale).

Poultry: Chai Kosher Poultry Inc. (wholesale), Marvid Poultry Packers Montreal (wholesale).

Airline Meals: All meals served on the airlines during Passover are made up of cold foods. The cartons are specially sealed and stamped kosher l'Pesach. Peter Graben Caterers supplies Passover foods to airlines as well as to hospitals. Kosher for Passover meals must be requested by your travel agent in advance.

Wines: Wines, brandies, liqueurs and other such beverages certified by recognized rabbinical authorities are permissible. The label must indicate that the bottle has been pre-

pared kosher l'Pesach: Galilee Wine Co.; Grafein Wine; Mazel Wines.

Public institutions: Kitchens of the institutions listed below have been prepared for Pesach by mashgichim under the direction and instruction of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, in accordance with the requirements for Passover. They are: Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (Baycrest Hospital, Baycrest Terrace, Jewish Home for the Aged, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre); The Bernard Beitel Centre for Creative Living (which holds a second Seder for the Association of Jewish Seniors); Lincoln Place, Mount Sinai Hospital (kosher l'Pesach meals on request).

It is important to note that COR is not supervising any fruit juice production this Passover.

For additional information, call the Kosher Information Service, Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division (416) 635-9550.

COR recipe pamphlet is published

The Kosher Information Service of the Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress has published a COR recipe pamphlet for Passover.

Cynthia Gasner, the director of information and public relations, coordinates the community information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth. Rabbi Yitzchok

Kernzer is the acting chairman of the Vaad, and Yitz'hak Feldman is the chairman of the Kashruth Council.

Council executive director Rabbi Nachman Shemen says thousands of families across Canada and the United States as well as some in Israel and Europe, receive educational materials circulated by the Kashruth Council.

Here is one recipe from the new flyer that was prepared and tested by Esther Schwartz, the Council's kosher food consultant.

TUNA SOUFFLE

Part one
2 tbsp. oil
½ cup finely chopped onion
½ cup finely chopped green or red pepper
½ cup finely-chopped celery
2 cans tuna fish, well drained

½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup finely-chopped parsley
1 can mushroom soup
1 cup sour cream or yogurt
½ cup toasted chopped nuts (optional)

In hot oil, saute onions, pepper, celery for five minutes. Mix together with remaining ingredients.

Part two
3 eggs
6 tbsp. white wine
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
3 matzahs

Preheat oven to 350 F. Beat eggs, add ingredients except matzahs. Beat well. Lightly grease an 8 X 8 inch baking pan. Dip one matzah into the egg/wine mixture and place in baking pan. Spread half of the tuna mixture over matzah.

Repeat, topping with third dipped matzah. Pour remaining egg/wine mixture over all.

Part three

1 can tomato mushroom sauce
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Mix tomato mushroom sauce and lemon juice together. Spread it over top of matzahs. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with tossed salad and cut up fruit for lunch or supper.

Makes six servings. If you wish to be placed on the COR mailing list, call the Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division, (416) 635-9550, or write to 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

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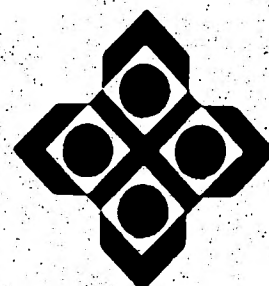
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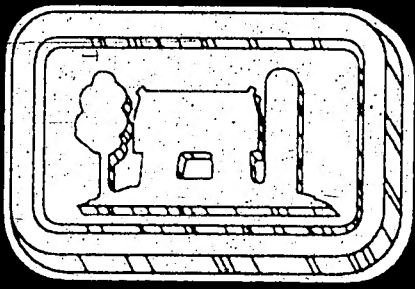
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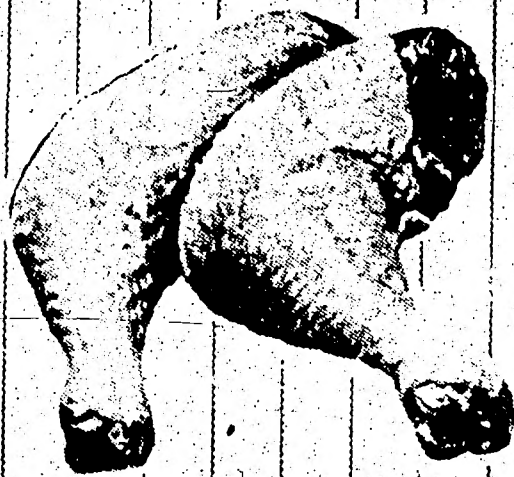
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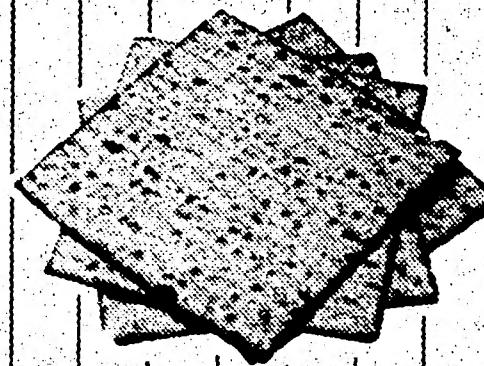
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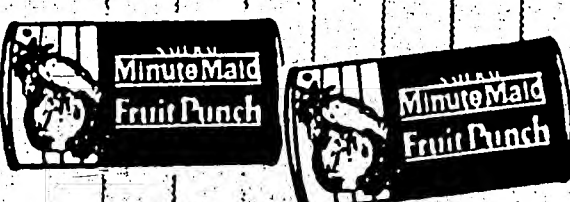
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International flavor will add zest to Seder menu

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To serve, scoop the salad into the prepared artichokes. Spoon some of the marinade over the salad and artichoke. Garnish with a sprig of fresh parsley.

Serves 10 generously. Per serving (including one tablespoon marinade): 114 calories; 14.8 g protein; 4.4 g carbohydrate; 4 g fat (including 6 g saturated fat); 21.6 mg cholesterol.

NO-FAT CHICKEN BROTH

1 whole chicken, skin and fat removed
3 carrots, chopped
top half of celery bunch, leaves included, chopped
1 large onion, quartered
several sprigs of parsley
1 parsnip, peeled and sliced
12-15 black peppercorns
1 bay leaf
salt or lemon juice to taste water

Combine ingredients in a large pot. Add cold water to cover. Slowly bring to a boil. Skim off any scum that forms.

Cover and simmer for three hours. Taste and adjust the seasonings. Remove chicken and reserve for another occasion. Strain vegetables from the broth. Place broth in the refrigerator overnight or longer so any remaining fat rises to the top and hardens.

Just before using, remove the hardened fat. Reheat broth for ease of measuring. Use for soup, in place of oil anytime you're sauteing or for liquid in stuffing.

Approximately 15-20 calories per cup.

ROAST TURKEY WITH SWEET YAM AND MATZAH STUFFING

1 whole turkey breast,

fat removed
salt, pepper, garlic powder, paprika to taste
1 large onion, chopped
2-3 cloves of garlic, chopped
no-fat chicken broth
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup carrot, chopped
4 cups mashed cooked yams
4 cups broken up matzah or matzah farfel
1 tsp salt
freshly ground black pepper

Heat oven to 325F. Rinse the breast with water, but do not dry. Season to taste, inside and outside with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle with paprika for color.

Lightly oil a roasting rack and place the turkey breast on it, skin side up. Roast for 1 1/4 hours, until turkey is golden brown. You can tell the turkey is done if, when you prick it with a fork, its juices run clear or if a meat thermometer reads 180C.

Once you put the turkey in the oven, prepare the stuffing. Saute onion and garlic in a few tablespoons of no-fat chicken broth. Add the celery and carrot, and continue cooking until vegetables are tender and begin releasing their own juices. Add more chicken broth if necessary.

Turn off the heat. Add the yams and broken up matzah or farfel. Season with salt and pepper. Toss lightly. Moisten well with chicken broth.

Lightly oil a 9x13-inch ovenproof dish. Place the stuffing in the dish, cover and bake at 350F about 30 minutes or until hot.

To serve, remove the turkey from the roasting pan. Allow it to cool for 30 minutes and remove the skin before slicing. Arrange the slices on a large



platter.

Per 3.5-ounce serving: 157 calories; 30 g protein; 0 g carbohydrate; 3.2 g fat (including 1 g saturated fat); 69 mg cholesterol.

Cut the stuffing into 16 pieces. Arrange it around the turkey. Per serving: 106 calories; 2.5 g protein; 22.3 g carbohydrate; 1.06 g fat (including .02 g saturated fat); .06 mg cholesterol.

FRENCH-STYLE SPINACH SOUFFLE

1/2 tsp. margarine
1 tbsp. finely ground matzah meal
3 tbsp. margarine
2 1/4 tbsp. potato starch
1 cup no-fat chicken broth
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. salt
1 onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tbsp. no-fat chicken

broth
10 oz. spinach, washed and dried, stems removed (2 bunches)
salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. dill
6 egg whites
1/4 tsp. salt

Prepare the baking dish. Rub 1/2 tablespoon margarine on the bottom and sides of a 1 1/2-quart souffle dish. Dust lightly with one tablespoon matzo meal.

Tear off a 26-inch sheet of aluminum foil. Fold it lengthwise and then wrap it around the baking dish for a collar. Tie it on with string.

In a medium saucepan, melt three tablespoons of margarine. Add the potato starch, salt, pepper and paprika. Using a wire whisk, gradually stir in one cup no-fat chicken broth.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. Turn off the heat.

In a non-stick frying pan, saute the onion and garlic in no-fat chicken broth. Add the spinach and continue cooking until all the liquid evaporates from the pan. Season with salt and pepper. Add the dill, if desired. Cool slightly.

Add the spinach mixture to the sauce. Cover and set aside until nearer to Seder time.

About an hour before serving, preheat the oven to 350F. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold the spinach mixture into the egg whites, taking care not to break down the beaten whites. Pour into the prepared souffle dish. Bake for 40 minutes, until puffed and golden brown.

Serves 10. Per serving: 72.5 calories; 4.1 g protein; 5.5 g carbohydrate; 4 g fat (including .7 g saturated fat); .11 mg cholesterol.

ENGLISH TRIFLE

Passover Ange Food cake up to 1 cup sherry

Passover Orange Pudding 2 cups sliced strawberries

2 bananas, sliced
2 cups fresh pineapple, cut into chunks
2 oranges, peeled and broken into sections
4 kiwis, peeled and sliced

Cut the cake into one-inch "fingers." Let them stand uncovered for a few hours to dry out a little. (Trifle is usually made with stale cake.)

Arrange the cake fingers around the bottom and sides of a glass bowl or trifle dish. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup sherry, or more if you have a big bowl or a lot of cake. Artistically place about half of the sliced fruit on and around the cake fingers. Pour half of the pudding over this.

Add another layer of cake. Sprinkle it with more sherry. Pour on the rest of the pudding. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, heap the remaining fruit on top of the mixture. Serve at once.

Serves 20 generously. Per serving: 210 calories; 3.7 g protein; 46.8 g carbohydrate; 5 g fat (.04 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol.

PASSOVER ANGEL FOOD CAKE

1 1/4 cups matzah cake meal
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 tsp. finely grated orange peel (no white)
1 1/4 cups egg whites
1/2 tsp. salt

2 tbsp. orange juice

Preheat oven to 325F.

Measure one cup sugar into a small bowl. Combine the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar with the matzah cake meal. Add the orange peel and set aside.

In the large electric mixer bowl, beat the egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Gradually add the one cup sugar, 1/4 cup

at a time, alternately with the orange juice. Beat well after each addition. Continue beating until stiff peaks form when the beaters are slowly raised.

Using a rubber spatula or wire whisk, fold in the matzah cake meal-sugar-orange peel mixture, one quarter at a time. Use 15 under-and-over strokes for each addition, turning the bowl a little after each stroke. When all the matzah mixture has been added, fold an additional 10 strokes.

Pour this batter into an ungreased 10-inch pan. Bake for 50 minutes to one hour, or until the cake springs back to the touch. Remove from the oven and immediately invert the pan and let it cool.

When ready to serve, use a sharp knife to loosen the sides and centre of the cake from the pan. Turn out to a serving plate.

Makes 20 slices. Per slice: 105 calories; 3 g protein; 24 g carbohydrate; .08 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

PASSOVER ORANGE PUDDING

1/2 cup sugar
4 1/2 tbsp. Passover potato starch
4 cups orange juice, strained
1 tsp. grated orange rind (no white)

In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar and potato starch. Slowly pour in the orange juice, stirring with a whisk if necessary, to prevent lumps from forming. Add the orange rind.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until the mixture thickens, about 20 minutes. When the mixture is smooth and thick, remove from the heat.

Chill before using. Can be made a day ahead. If it begins to separate, just line a sieve with cheesecloth, place the pudding in the sieve, and let the excess juice drain out.

Serves six (if not put in trifle). Per serving: 161 calories; 1.2 g protein; 40.5 g carbohydrate; .34 g fat (including .04 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol.

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PASSOVER FOOD

Follow directions — don't wing it

Chicken dish may cause guests to cluck and say fowl

By
LUCILLE CHAPLAN

Passover and the spring festivals that preceded it were connected to food.

Former Brandeis University president A.L. Sachar (A History of the Jews) says that our ancestors were nomadic shepherds who each spring celebrated Hag ha'Pesach, the Festival of the Paschal Lamb. A ram was sacrificed, roasted and eaten (after special ceremonies) by the assembled families.

In later days, tillers of the soil celebrated Hag ha' Matzot before beginning to harvest the barley — the first ripened grain of the

season. Each household in the village destroyed leftover bread and the sourdough used as leavening. The first sheaf of barley (the Omer) was harvested and blessed, and unleavened bread was eaten.

The two combined ceremonies contributed to the centralized celebration of Passover, the redemption from Egypt at the temple in Jerusalem. Lambs were sacrificed, and on the second day of the festival the ceremony of the Omer, the ritual laid down in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus with regard to the first-reaped sheaf of barley was followed.

Passover became the greatest of the three annual pilgrimage festivals. By the later days of the Second Temple, hordes of Jews from all over the known world converged on Jerusalem every year in the month of Nisan to bring their tributes to the Temple, make their sacrifices and celebrate the Passover.

Contemporary accounts marvel at the fact that accommodation was found for everyone. Of course, the inns were full, but most of the local families must have opened their doors to provide sleeping and dining space for the visitors, as well as roasting facilities

for their lambs. Passover was a family holiday, so the visitors had to bustle about and form groups to share a lamb and celebrate the Passover together.

Busy Jewish cooks have been looking for Kosher l'Pesach recipes for a long time, haven't they?

Passover is a time for traditional recipes and in the last few years we have been discovering the richness of tradition in Jewish communities all over the world. Our first recipe is a Sephardi one, Albondigas con Limon — chicken balls in lemon sauce. And for modern calorie-conscious cooks, it's extremely low in fat.

In this recipe I take advantage of a fairly new product on the Kosher l'Pesach shelves — instant potato flakes. I have used potato flakes for years in my meat loaves. They produce a soft loaf which does not fall apart.

CHICKEN BALLS IN LEMON SAUCE

Sauce
1½ cups water
½ cup lemon juice
(1½ lemons)

2 tbsp. fresh chopped dill, or 2 tsp. dried
2 tbsp. oil
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. sugar

In a four-cup casserole combine water, lemon juice, dill vegetable oil, salt and sugar. Cook uncovered, High power until boiling (about four minutes) stirring once. Continue cooking at 70 per cent power for five minutes. While it's cooking, you can make the chicken balls.

Chicken balls

1 lb. ground white chicken (2 large whole chicken breasts)
3 tbsp. instant mashed potato flakes
¼ cup water
1 tsp. chopped fresh dill or 1 tsp. dried
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper

In a bowl, combine chicken, potato flakes, water, salt, pepper and dill. Form into one-inch balls.

Add balls to sauce, making sure all are immersed. (If they are not, add a little more water or baste and turn frequently). Cover and cook at 50 per cent power 10 to 12 minutes, rearrang-

ing once and basting if necessary.

Allow to stand, covered, 10 minutes.

(If thickened sauce is desired, add one tablespoon of potato starch and two tablespoons of water. Combine in four-cup measure until smooth. Remove balls with a slotted spoon into a bowl and cover. Pour sauce into measuring cup, stir and cook uncovered High power, until thickened. Pour over balls and mix.)

Before serving, add a good grinding of pepper.

Note: For non-Pesach use (this is a good all-year round recipe) or for Sephardi groups who can use it, serve on rice. Also for non-Pesach use, add one teaspoon of nutmeg to the chicken balls.

There's a fast and simple fruit dessert — the red wine makes it 'special' for Pesach. Make it ahead of time and let it stand, so the fruit will absorb the sauce.

POACHED PEARS IN WINE SAUCE

28 oz. tin of pear halves in pear juice, drained, juice reserved

¾ cup reserved juice or water

¾ cup sweet red wine
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. frozen orange juice, undiluted
1 tbsp. honey (or to taste)
½ stick cinnamon
1 strip lemon rind

Combine all ingredients except pears in four-cup pitcher. Bring to a boil, uncovered, at High power (about five minutes). Continue cooking at 70 per cent power for five minutes.

Arrange pears in one layer in a casserole. Pour sauce over pears and cook, covered with wax paper at 50 per cent power for five minutes. Carefully turn pears over and over and continue cooking at 50 per cent for three minutes. Allow to stand, covered, at least 30 minutes, turning pears once.

Serve warm or cold. With a dairy meal, serve warm topped with vanilla ice-cream. Use leftover sauce, if any, in a fruit drink.

Lucille Chaplan runs a cooking school and is author of Passover with The Microwave Maven.

Maimonides' advice on nutrition still valid

Advice on good nutrition given some 800 years ago by one of Judaism's foremost scholars is still as valid today as it was then, says nutritionist Connie Steinberg of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

Steinberg, who advises on proper dietary practices at the university's sports medicine unit, has found that Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon) laid down some specific guidelines as to how people should maintain our health through proper diet and exercise.

Remarkably, his advice fits some of the latest theories in the field, she says, adding Maimonides basically advocated a whole-grain, low-fat, fresh-food diet. He frowned on snacking between meals, favored drinking in moderation with meals and believed that exercise was a necessary adjunct to eating properly.

In his writings, Maimonides, who was a physician as well as a pre-eminent authority on religious law, also advised avoiding refined flour, a process which removes beneficial vitamins and fibre. He advised against eating too much fried food ("bread toasted in oil") or pastry ("flour kneaded with oil").

She says Maimonides was an advo-

cate of fresh food and cautioned against eating too much salted food — in particular salted fish, meat and cheese, or other foods soaked in brine (salting was a common method of preserving food in pre-refrigeration days). He also warned against drinking milk or eating cheese which had been left to stand in hot weather.

As for alcoholic drink, Maimonides was not against it but urged that it be consumed in moderation and taken with meals, she says. Thus, he suggests wine with water as a proper accompaniment to a meal.

Meals should be eaten in set fashion and while seated or reclining, Maimonides wrote, and not while moving around, a reference to the common advice in all diets today to avoid "grabbing" food or otherwise eating between meals, Steinberg says.

He also spoke of doing some exercise before meals and of resting afterward (thus allowing, in the latter case, the brain to receive a sensory message of satiation from the stomach).

Steinberg says she was "very impressed" with Maimonides' insights into sound nutritional practice and marvels as to how he sensed certain principles that were only proven physiologically in the modern era.

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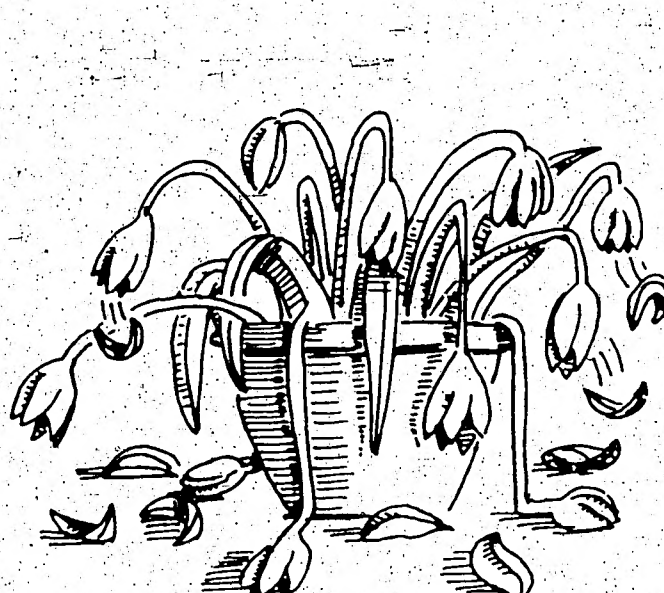
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Everyday we are reminded by both family and health experts, that fresh vegetables should be part of our daily diet.

There is a variety of Ontario winter vegetables that offer a delicious alternative to canned or imported produce. Topping the list are carrots, onions and cabbage. All are noted for their nutritional value.

Jean Carper, author of The Food Pharmacy, says carrots are high in beta carotene and have been linked to the reduction of risk of lung cancer. Cabbage, a well-known member of the cruciferous family, is a good source of vitamin C. It is currently being studied, Carper says, for its role in lowering the risk of colon cancer.

For its part, the noble onion is traditionally thought to be a "cure" for the common cold. In more recent times, Carper points out, the onion may benefit the cardiovascular system.

Make the most of your health by including the fresh taste of an Ontario's harvest in your weekly menu. Foodland Ontario has some savory oven suppers that are easy to prepare and actually let you get other chores done while dinner's simmering.

Stew lovers will long for Ontario Hot Pot, for its soothing quality and lively flavors. It's the ideal weekend or mid-week supper as it can be made the night before. Sweet Ontario carrots and robust onions make this beef dish a hearty, satisfying experience.

ONTARIO HOT POT

Baked in the oven, this layered casserole needs no watching or stirring. Even if you aren't home during the day, you can make it after supper and let it simmer away while you catch up on your reading or day's events with the family. It can be refrigerated for up to two days for reheating when needed.

- 1 1/2 lb. lean beef or lamb
- 1 1/2 tbsp. potato starch
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 2 cups coarsely chopped mushrooms
- 1 1/2 cups beef stock
- 4 medium potatoes, thinly sliced

Kashering microwave is simple

Here's an easy, step-by-step guide to kashering a microwave oven without a browning grill.

Wash all surfaces thoroughly. Wipe dry with a clean cloth and do not use for 24 hours.

Microwave two cups of water uncovered on High power for 10 minutes. Dry with clean cloth. You now are able to use it.

For a microwave with a grill or a convection oven, consult your rabbi.

- 4 cooking onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 3 cups thinly sliced carrots
- 1 tbsp. margarine

Trim any visible fat from meat and cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes. In shallow dish, season two tablespoons of the starch with salt and pepper. Add meat and toss until starch is taken up. Set aside.

In large non-stick skillet, heat half of the oil over medium heat; cook mushrooms, stirring, for three minutes or until tender. Transfer to plate along with any pan juices; set aside.

Add remaining oil to pan and increase heat to medium-high; cook meat, in batches, turning to brown on all sides. Add to mushrooms on plate. Stir remaining starch into stock; add to pan, stirring to scrape up any brown bits. Cook until thickened. Set aside.

Grease base of deep 10-cup casserole or small Dutch oven. Cover with half of the potatoes, overlapping slices. Spread with half of the onions. Season lightly with salt and pepper; sprinkle with half of the parsley. Top with meat, then mushrooms and any accumulated juices. Sprinkle with half of the thyme. Cover with carrots; season lightly with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with remaining parsley and thyme.

Pour in thickened stock. Layer with remaining onions, then remaining potatoes, overlapping slices. Brush with margarine. Cover and bake at 325F for two hours or until tender throughout. Uncover and bake for 25 to 30 minutes more or until top is lightly golden.

If making ahead, let cool at room temperature for 30 minutes. Refrigerate uncovered or loosely covered with paper towel until cold; then cover. Reheat in 325F oven for 35 minutes.

Alternatively, to heat one portion in microwave, cut in wedge, place in dish and microwave, uncovered, at Medium-High (70 per cent) power for four to five minutes. Makes six to eight servings.

Nutritional information: For each eight-serving portion, there is 302 calories; 28 protein; 10 g fat; 25 g carbohydrate.

Note: Microwave recipes tested in a 700-watt microwave oven. Power level terminology in microwave ovens varies; check your owner's manual and use whichever word or number gives you the same percentages as in the recipe (High is always 100 per cent). If your oven differs, cooking times may vary.

VEGETABLE BORSCHT

Everyone is sure to want seconds of this richly colored, full-flavored soup. This recipe provides enough extras to freeze for quick mid-week suppers, too.

Cooled borscht can be covered and stored in the refrigerator for up to two days. To freeze, pack into containers leaving one-inch headspace. For the best results and to save energy, let frozen soup thaw in the refrigerator compartment on the day you plan to use it.

- 3 unpeeled beets
 - 1/2 cup margarine
 - 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped onions
 - 1 28 oz. can whole tomatoes
 - 4 cups beef stock
 - 5 medium potatoes, peeled
 - 1 cup coarsely diced carrots
 - 1 cup coarsely diced rutabaga
 - Salt
 - 3 cups finely sliced green cabbage
 - 2 cups finely sliced red cabbage
 - 2 tsp. dried dillweed
 - Pepper
- Keeping roots and stems intact, rinse beets thoroughly under running

water; set aside.

In Dutch oven or large saucepan, melt half of the margarine over medium heat; cook onions until softened and translucent. Add tomatoes, breaking up with a fork.

Add stock, beets, and four of the potatoes; bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes.

Remove potatoes and put in a bowl; mash until smooth and set aside. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes longer or until beets are cooked through. Remove beets and place under cold running water; slip off skins. Grate into bowl and set aside.

Return mashed potatoes to pan, stirring until blended. Cut remaining potato into large dice; add to pan

along with carrots, rutabaga, grated beets and one teaspoon salt. Cover and simmer gently until diced vegetables are cooked through, eight to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt remaining margarine in large skillet. Add green cabbage and cook until color brightens; stir into soup and cook, uncovered, for three minutes. Add red cabbage and dillweed to soup; cook for three minutes or just until cabbage is tender crisp. Taste and add more salt if desired and pepper. Ladle into warmed soup bowls.

Makes about 12 1 1/2 cup servings.

Nutritional information: One serving contains 129 calories, 2 g protein, 4.5 g fat and 20 g carbohydrate.



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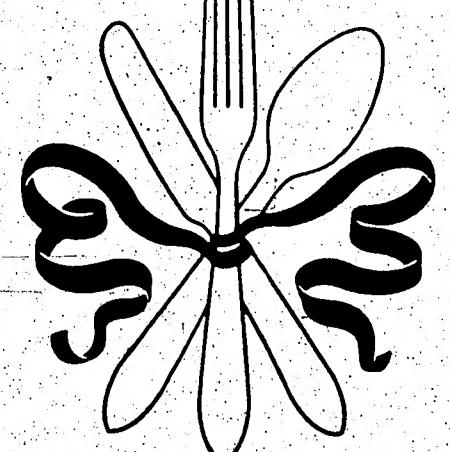
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New Yorker Fred Spinowitz crafted the Freedom plate (left) and the Royal Garden plate (right) of porcelain with a 24 karat gold trim. The Delft plate (centre) is a reproduction of the 19th century style. It is hand-painted glazed earthenware by Holland Keramiek.

From Seder plates to books

Shop has wide range of Pesach items

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

When you pass the corner of Bathurst Street and Caribou Road, the sign in the window of Miriam's Fine Judaica says, "Why is this store different from all other stores?"

At this time of year, it indicates that this shop,

which recently celebrated its 25th year in business, has a large selection of imported items for Passover.

"We've had a lot of fun with the sign," said Miriam Rosenthal, who along with her husband, William Rosenthal, and their daughter, Lilian, operate the Judaica shop at 3007 Bathurst St.

"A man came into the store, and he said that he didn't want to buy anything, he just wanted to let us know how much he liked the sign."

"Although our store is small, people are surprised at the wide variety of quality Judaica that is available here."

The Czechoslovakian-born woman, a former bridal consultant, and her scholarly, Hungarian-born husband, both refugees of

the Holocaust, attribute the success of their business to good service and listening to what the customer wants.

Mrs. Rosenthal said: "For Passover, you need the basics for your Passover table. We have an assortment of tablecloths with Judaic motifs in various sizes, colors and materials. Of course, a Seder plate is a must, and you have a choice — crystal, china, Israeli glass or cermaic, copper, brass or lucite."

As well, she said the store carries the Lenox China Seder Plate and ironstone cermaic Seder Plate, both with 24-karat gold trim.

For Passover, an Elijah's cup, a dish for salt water, a container for bitter herbs and a cover for the matzah

are needed. One of the matzah covers shows a scene of the Exodus, and some of the matzah covers come with matching Afikomen bags.

And if you want some ideas for recipes for Passover, the store has a good selection of cookbooks including *The Passover Gourmet*, *Something Different for Passover* and *The Spice and Spirit of Kosher Passover Cooking*. As well *The Pleasure of Your Processor*, *Microways* and *Second Helpings* all have sections on Passover cooking.

Several of the more popular Passover books for children are *The Carp in the Bathtub*, and *Children's Haggadah*, published in England. This Haggadah has wheels that turn inside the book with pictures that pull

out. Rosenthal said that along with the children's books, a favorite gift from grandparents for their grandchildren are hand-painted kippas designed for children.

If you are looking for Passover Haggadahs for the Seder service, there are inexpensive paperback editions as well as artistic volumes such as the Copenhagen, Chagall, Sarajevo and Rylands Haggadah. And there is a wide selection of cassettes for Passover.

For those who are looking for gifts for Passover, Rosenthal suggested a silver-plated, matzah crumb sweeper, and fun items such as a cotton apron that says, "Miracle of Miracles, My Matzah Balls Have Risen."

Kashruth Council publishes list of revisions to directory

The Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Toronto Jewish Congress has published an addition to the Kashruth Directory.

These products and services are under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

New Units: Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview; Cafe Ole, 7241-Bathurst St. Thornhill (dairy-restaurant); Bourbon Coffee Company (COR 251); Kosher Delicious Ltd. (COR 152) at 99 Dolomite Dr., Downsview has take-out and commercial baked products; My Zaidy's Bakery, 7241 Bathurst St.; Steinberg Inc. (COR 274) located at 272 Codsell Ave., Downsview.

New commercial/industrial units: AFL Aromatics & Flavors Inc.; Bowes/Chocolate Products Companies; Daminco Inc.; Enroute Imports Inc.; Sunroot Energy Ltd.; Tandet Transportation Leasing; Trimac Transportation Services Ltd.; United Canadian Malt Ltd.

Some of the retail products to be added to the COR list are: A&P Food Stores (COR 80)—Gourmet Tradition Coffee, Eight O'Clock Freeze Dried Coffee, Dominion Brand Tea Bags, Special Blend Brand Bulk Tea; Bristol-Myers Pharmaceutical & Nutritional Group (Cor 35D)—nutritional meal replacements Sustain Vanilla, Sustain Chocolate, Sustain Strawberry, Sustain Mocha; FBI Food Ltd. (Cor 34)—a variety of fruit juices; Gay Lea Foods (COR 98D)—Dominion Cottage Cheese, Liberty Cottage Cheese, Western Cottage Cheese, Dominion Sour Cream, A&P Chip Dip, Dominion; Chip Dip, Gay Lea Chip Dip; Kellogg Canada Inc. (COR 246), Common Sense Oat Bran & Whole Wheat with Raisins & Apple; Lever Brothers (COR 31), Sunlight Liquid Laundry Detergent.

Other retail products to be added include: Nestle Enterprises Limited (COR 141), nutritional meal

replacements — Carnation Brand, Nutren Unflavoured, Nutren Vanilla, Nutren Chocolate, Nutren Strawberry, Replete Vanilla; Monarch Fine Foods (COR 47 — COR47D) add Bakers-D, Blue Bonnet-D, Blue Bonnet Soft-D, Fleischmann's Corn Oil-D, Fleischmann's Corn Oil Soft-D, Fleischmann's Sunflower-D, Fleischmann's Unsalted, Golden Girl (Reg. & Soft)-D, Imperial Diet, Imperial (Reg. & Soft)-D, Kroma -D, Mom's (Reg. & Soft)-D, Monarch (Reg. & Soft)-D, Monarch Corn Oil (Soft)-D, Solo (Soft)-D and Becel Sunflower Oil; Sielski's Fine Food Products Ltd. (COR 149), Deli Light Cholesterol Free Dressing and Deli Salad Dressing; Tomek's Natural Preserves (COR 254), sauerkraut.

Commercial/Industrial additions and changes have been made by the following companies (please check office for details): Ambrosia Chocolate Ltd. (formerly All Bake Confection Ltd.); Alpha Candies Ltd.; Drackett Canada, Division of Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada Inc.; Dyeco Ltd.; Export Packers Co. Ltd.; Lever Industrial; MLG Enterprises Ltd.; Rich Products of Canada Ltd.; St. Lawrence Foods; TCBY Yogurt; Unico, a division of Culinar Foods Inc.

Note the following changes: Happy Days now is located at 441 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill; Colombo Inc., is at 223 Evans Ave.; and Quality Transport Services Ltd. has a corporate name change to Volume Tank Transport Inc.

Remove the following companies from your COR listings: Aunt Fanny's Kitchens; Romi Foods; Stafford Foods Ltd.; United Oilseed Products.

The Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division notes that it is only responsible for manufactured products bearing the COR symbol with the corresponding number. For any further information on product supervision or availability, call the Council at (416) 635-9550.

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PASSOVER FOOD

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Four cooking classes offered

The Kashruth Council of the Toronto Jewish Congress will present its spring cooking classes on Tuesday nights in April and May.

These classes, which will be held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and home economist who has had many years of experience in presenting food-related programs.

Cynthia Gasner, the Council's director of information and public relations, says there has been an overwhelming response from the community to COR's cooking classes. To accommodate some of those who were unable to attend these classes the last time they were offered, three sessions in the series will be repeated while one class is new. Fees are \$15 per person per class.

The new session, Mediterranean Cooking (course number V11), is on April 16. It will feature Mediterranean-Middle Eastern dishes including stuffed



Vivian Anhang is teaching the COR classes.

grape leaves, eggplant salad, kobeba (meatballs) and unusual desserts.

The April 23 session is Gourmet (Meat) Cooking and Entertaining (course number V5). This gourmet meat and pareve course

will feature sweet and sour whitefish, superb vegetable soup, stuffed boneless veal roast, pasta salad, potato and rice gourmet salad, chocolate and cinnamon rolls.

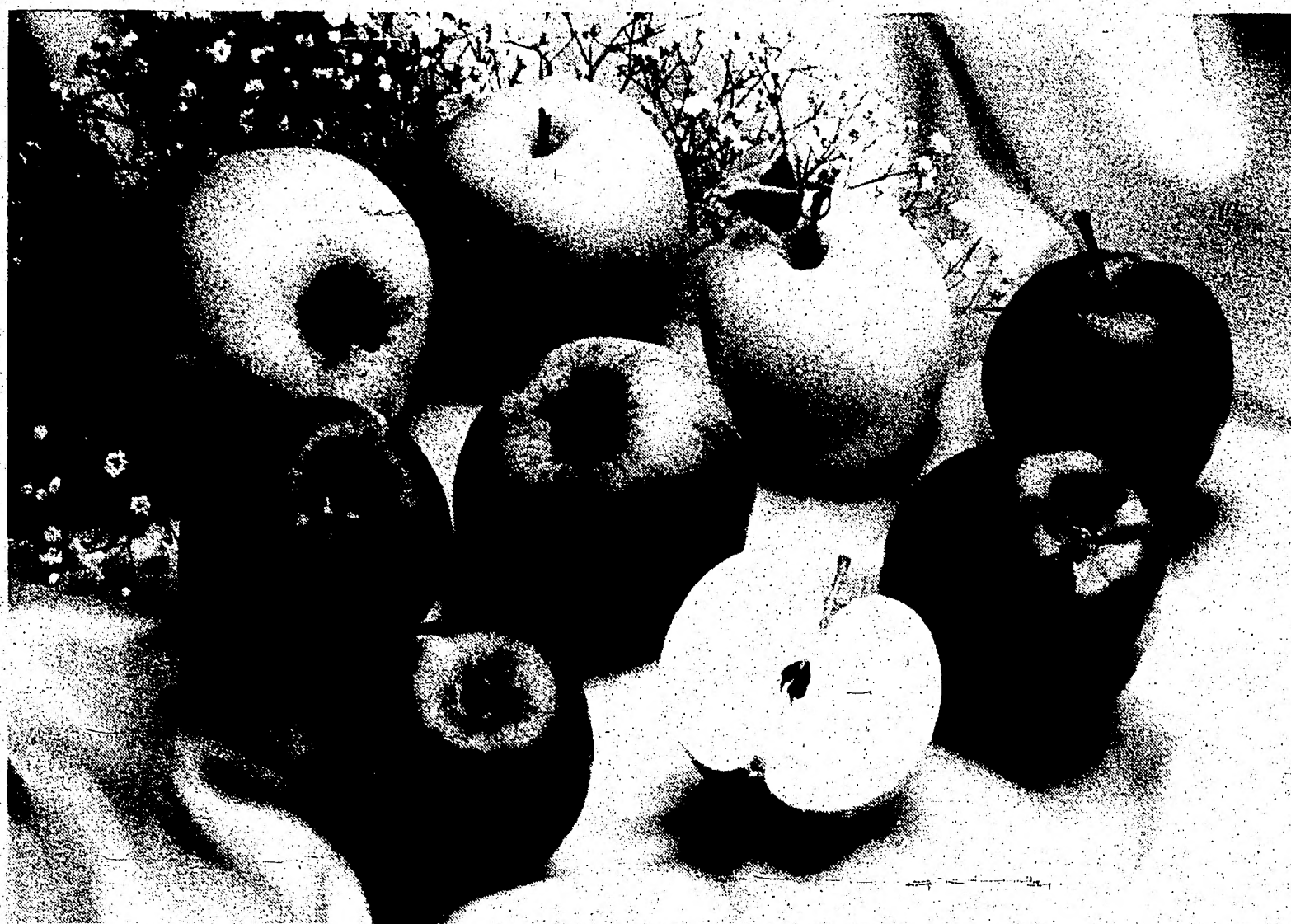
The Dairy and Pareve

Gourmet class (course number V6) will be held on April 30. This gourmet dairy class will include mushroom crepes, vichioise, butterflied stuffed fish, pasta salad, vegetable medley, cheese cake and ice cream bars.

The final spring class, Entertainment Plus — Baking with Yeast (course number V4) — will be held May 14. The demonstration will include Danish pastry, whole wheat batter bread, other breads, rolls and rich sweet dough.

The cooking classes are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register for one or more classes, call (416) 635-9550 or write to Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St. Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2. Enclose a postdated cheque (for the day of the class you wish to attend) and indicate the series. Enclose a separate cheque for each class.



Ontario produces a wide variety of apples including Red and Golden Delicious, McIntosh and Empire.

Apples at core of Ontario crops

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but it will also keep your taste buds in great shape.

Foodland Ontario says that the apple, an edible member of the rose family, has existed in wild form since prehistoric times and has been cultivated for more than 3,000 years.

The apple tree has adapted to many different situations, so that it grows in thousands of varieties in almost every corner of the globe.

Much prized for their versatility, durability and especially in earlier times their "dry" ability, apples have often earned a phenomenal price. During the Gold Rush in the mid-1800s, Californians sometimes paid in excess of \$100 per bushel.

Ontario produces about 30 per cent of the Canadian crop. Last year's crop was down about 10 per cent from the 1989 bumper yield of 423.8 million pounds, a 10-year high.

Foodland Ontario says that this province has 27,540 bearing acres of apple trees. Although peak time is mid fall, the basic nature of the apple combined with modern storage techniques ensures a supply of Ontario apples that lasts well into spring.

Massive chain store demand for a handful of major varieties has had a dramatic effect on growers. Foodland Ontario says the majority of apples now cultivated in the province are McIntosh, Red Delicious, Idared, Northern Spy, Spartan, Empire and Golden Delicious.

In addition, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food — through the Vineland Research Station — maintains a "heritage" orchard, in which more than

100 varieties of lesser known strains (many of them traditional Ontario types) are maintained, more or less as a gene pool.

In an average year, half the Ontario crop is processed — primarily into juice — and the rest is sold fresh-market. About five per cent of the total crop is sold at pick-your-own operations.

Most Ontario apples are consumed within the province, although some are shipped west to Manitoba and Saskatchewan while others are exported to the United Kingdom (Empires) and the Caribbean (Red Delicious).

When purchasing apples, look for firm, solid fruit free of wrinkles and bruises. Some apples are more delicate than others, but any type of apple may have a soft spot or be overripe.

If you find a less than perfect apple among those you've bought, remove it immediately, for it gives off ethylene gas which will affect other apples nearby causing them to ripen too quickly and spoil. Such apples can easily be trimmed and used for applesauce.

Smaller amounts of apples can be stored in their original plastic bag in the refrigerator, where they will keep for up to a month.

Larger quantities should be kept in a cool, dark, well-ventilated place such as a garage or fruit cellar. Loosely cover the apples with plastic to maintain humidity within the container.

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Asparagus spears a niche at the produce counter

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Cultivated asparagus has been a luxury vegetable since its earliest origins which remain shrouded in prehistoric vegetable history. However, thanks to modern farming techniques, we can enjoy the delights of this long green spear without exorbitant cost.

The secret in choosing good asparagus lies in freshness, not size. Select straight, crisp spears about nine inches long. And look

for tightly-closed pointed green or purple tips.

How much to buy? One pound makes from two to four servings, depending on use.

For best flavor, cook asparagus the same day you purchase. To store, wrap bottoms of stalks in damp paper towels, place in a plastic bag and store in the crisper.

Or, store in your refrigerator like a bouquet of flowers — upright in a container of water. Asparagus will stay fresh for two to three days.

Just before cooking, wash thoroughly under cold running water or basin of water to remove any

sand. If spears are sandy, rub gently with your hands. Snap off and discard light, tough, woody ends. (Spears will snap where the tender part starts.)

Asparagus will retain its nutrients, vivid color, flavor and crisp texture if you don't overcook. Cooking time depends on freshness and size, so test early for doneness. Thicker spears take longer to cook. To speed cooking of the thicker part, cut an X in the bottom of each stalk.

Four cooked spears contain no fat and only 15 calories, yet provide an excellent source of vitamin C.

To accompany a favorite

roast or chop, try Asparagus and Red Onion Salad. A light vinaigrette showcases this special vegetable to perfection.

The season is short, so use local asparagus often and make your meals a festive rite to spring. Steam it, cream it or serve it a la dente.

ASPARAGUS AND RED ONION SALAD

4 tsp. finely chopped dill
1 tbsp. white vinegar plus
1/2 tsp.
1/4 tsp. salt, pepper
1/4 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. pepper
3 tbsp. oil plus 1 tsp.

1/2 red or cooking onion, thinly sliced in rings
1 lb. asparagus, washed and trimmed

Set one teaspoon of the dill aside for garnish.

In a bowl, stir together the remaining dill, one tablespoon of the vinegar, salt, pepper and sugar. Whisk in three tablespoons of the oil. Add onion and toss to coat well.

Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut asparagus diagonally into 1 1/2 inch lengths. In large pot of boiling water, cook asparagus for four to six minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain and refresh under cold running water.

Drain well and toss with remaining vinegar and oil. (Asparagus can be prepared to this point up to one hour ahead and left at room temperature.)

To serve, arrange asparagus pieces on large platter or four individual

salad plates. Top with onion rings. Drizzle with some of the dressing if desired. Sprinkle with reserved dill.

Makes four servings. Each serving: 147 calories; 4 g protein, 11 g fat, 8 g carbohydrate.

Dairy products can help teeth, research shows

Milk and milk products can repair initial damage to tooth enamel, thereby preventing the onset of dental decay, research conducted by Israel's Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine shows.

The researchers, headed by Prof. Itzhak Gedalia, contend that the calcium and phosphorous found in milk and hard cheese are the primary factors in correcting damage to enamel, the university says in a press release.

They investigated the influence of milk, hard cheese and saliva on the hardness of tooth enamel following ingestion of a soft drink by patients. It is known that the acid found in such drinks can damage the hardness of tooth enamel by causing the loss of minerals, and can, if drunk in quantity, be a cause of decay.

The influence of dairy products, on the other hand, is considered positive in terms of its contribution of calcium to bone and tooth tissue. Saliva serves as a medium for conveying minerals to tooth surfaces.

In this project, the researchers set out to prove the beneficial effects of "remineralization," particularly the deposit of calcium and phosphorous, on the tooth surface.

They found that drinking a glass of milk or chewing a piece of cheese for five minutes restored the mineral level of the enamel to the state in which it was before it was lowered by the soft drink. The remineralization, or restoration of hardness to the enamel, was virtually 100 per cent. These results led the researchers to conclude that consuming milk and milk products may be important in the overall campaign to reduce tooth decay.

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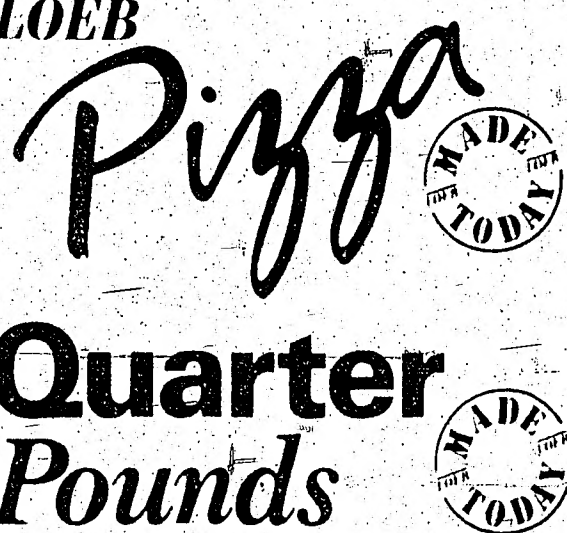
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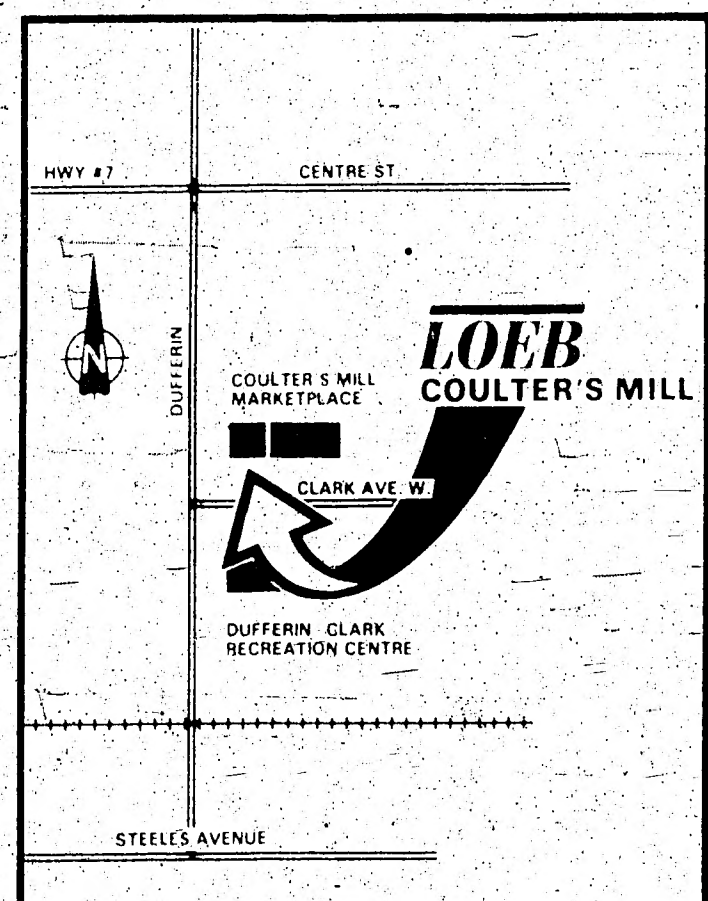
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Kay Miloshevich prepares soup as Schmeil Viater and Paula Ruch look on. [Marie-Josée Crete photo]

Betel Centre's staff commenced readying for Pesach a month ago

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

If you are fretting about koshering your kitchen for Passover, think Paula Ruch, the dietitian of the Food Service Department of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

For Ruch, working with mashgiach (kashrut supervisor) Shmeil Viater and the Centre's staff, the preparations for Passover begins mid-February.

"The planning and ordering must begin early," she says that because the kitchen at the Betel Centre serves only pareve and meat (no dairy products are on the menu), the preparation is somewhat less complicated than at other institutions.

On tour of the kitchen, Viater, who emigrated from Leningrad 17 years ago and has been at the Centre since it opened, says that he complies with the ruling of COR — the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

He explains that there are many pots and utensils that are kept separately and used only for Pesach, while some things are kashered for Passover.

"Precision scheduling is required," said Ruch, a registered dietitian.

From March 25 to 28, all kitchen facilities at the Centre are closed as the cleansing for Passover commences.

"Along with our regular staff, we require two additional people in the kitchen. All of our regular staff put in many extra hours."

She says that the Betel kitchen prepares more than 900 frozen meals for other institutions' elderly Jewish residents. Among the institutions are such long-term care facilities as Cummer Lodge and Bayview Villa Extendicare. These meals must be prepared before Passover begins.

Hot lunches are served at the Betel Centre chol hamoed Passover, and a Second Seder is sponsored by the Association for Jewish Seniors.

Ruch says that advertisements have been placed in Jewish newspaper to alert the community that meals for Passover at the Centre are available as are meals to go.

This will be Ruch's third Passover at the Betel Centre and she says she has no concern about preparing for Passover.

"We serve basically the same meals we serve throughout the year — but we use only Passover supervised products."

Although the Centre cannot accommodate special restricted diets, all the food served at the Centre for Passover, as well as year-round, are available in salt-free and sugar-free dishes, on request.



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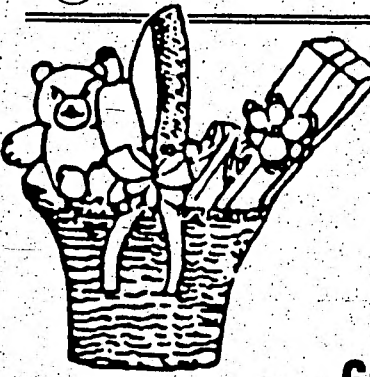
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Each year, the head of the household starts the Passover Seder by holding up a piece of matzah, saying, "This is the bread of our affliction, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt."

More than any other holiday, Passover, which begins on the evening of March 29, is surrounded by food traditions and observances. Most of them are related to matzah.

Matzah, a cracker-like bread, must be eaten on Passover. It recalls that the Jews, fleeing Pharaoh's slavery in ancient Egypt, had no time to let their bread rise. They quickly mixed flour and water and then baked flat loaves in the sun.

Modern methods of preparing matzah are not too different. The practice is limited by strict regulations regarding the growing of the wheat and its grinding into flour.

Even the water used to mix with this special flour is guarded against the unwelcome intrusion of any foreign matter that might act as a leavening agent. Matzah is one item not recommended for preparing in the home.

The requirement that nothing containing leavening be eaten during this eight-day observance has strongly influenced Jewish cooking for it. Following these strictures for many Jews means not eating any foods that expand, like beans, rice or lentils. It also means omitting baking powder and soda from the usual list of baking ingredients, as well as not using yeast.

In fact, observant homemakers bake only with a flour prepared from matzah itself, called matzah meal, or a finer version called cake meal. Tradition explains that because this flour has been baked already, it is not at risk of rising again. No other flours are permitted.

These stipulations inspired the creativity of Jewish cooks and bakers. They developed a wide variety of dishes based on matzah (in any of its forms). Some, like Matzah Balls, are old standards.

Every cook has her own method for making them. Some divide the eggs, and add the yolks and whites separately; others mix in the whole egg.

Fried Matzah, another traditional Passover dish, also has several different preparations. Some cooks blanch the matzah in boiling water in a colander; others soak it in cold water.

Recipes for Matzah rolls and Matzah Stuffing came about as the result of modern cooks trying to find variety in what otherwise might be a monotonous eight days' dining.

Nowhere is the challenge for cooks greater than in the preparation of desserts. The combination of the Passover requirements — using only flour made from

matzah and no leavening agents whatever — with the everyday rules against mixing milk and meat has limited dessert possibilities.

Luckily, the abundance of ingredients, especially of fresh fruits, has broadened the dessert horizon considerably. And, the large number of Jews in major cities has meant that commercial food processors are willing to prepare a wider range of foods according to the Passover requirements.

For instance, until recently, a homemaker felt lucky if she could find Passover cocoa in the market. Now, not only is Passover cocoa available, but so are Passover chocolate chips. Cooking creatively for Passover means figuring out ways to use the wider variety of ingredients within the limitations of the holiday.

Recipes that do not rely on rising agents, like cookies and pies, adapt easily. Believe it or not, brownies,

with just a few alterations, meet all the requirements. They can be prepared quickly in the short time between the morning of the holiday, when the last crumbs of bread are removed from the house, and the evening, when the holiday begins.

If you prefer something a little more elegant for the finale of your holiday feast, try a fruit tart. Take advantage of the beautiful strawberries just coming to market by preparing a Strawberry Tart, for example.

Or, make an attractive arrangement of pineapple slices, bananas and kiwis. You even can use canned apricot halves and come out with a glamorous product. Whichever fruit you select, make the crust as you would a graham-cracker crust — combine matzah meal and melted margarine.

Perhaps the biggest treat of all and the easiest to prepare is Chocolate Covered Matzah. Let your children help you spread melted Passover chocolate chips on matzah. If your market doesn't carry these special chocolate chips, use the cocoa-based glaze suggested for the Passover brownies instead.

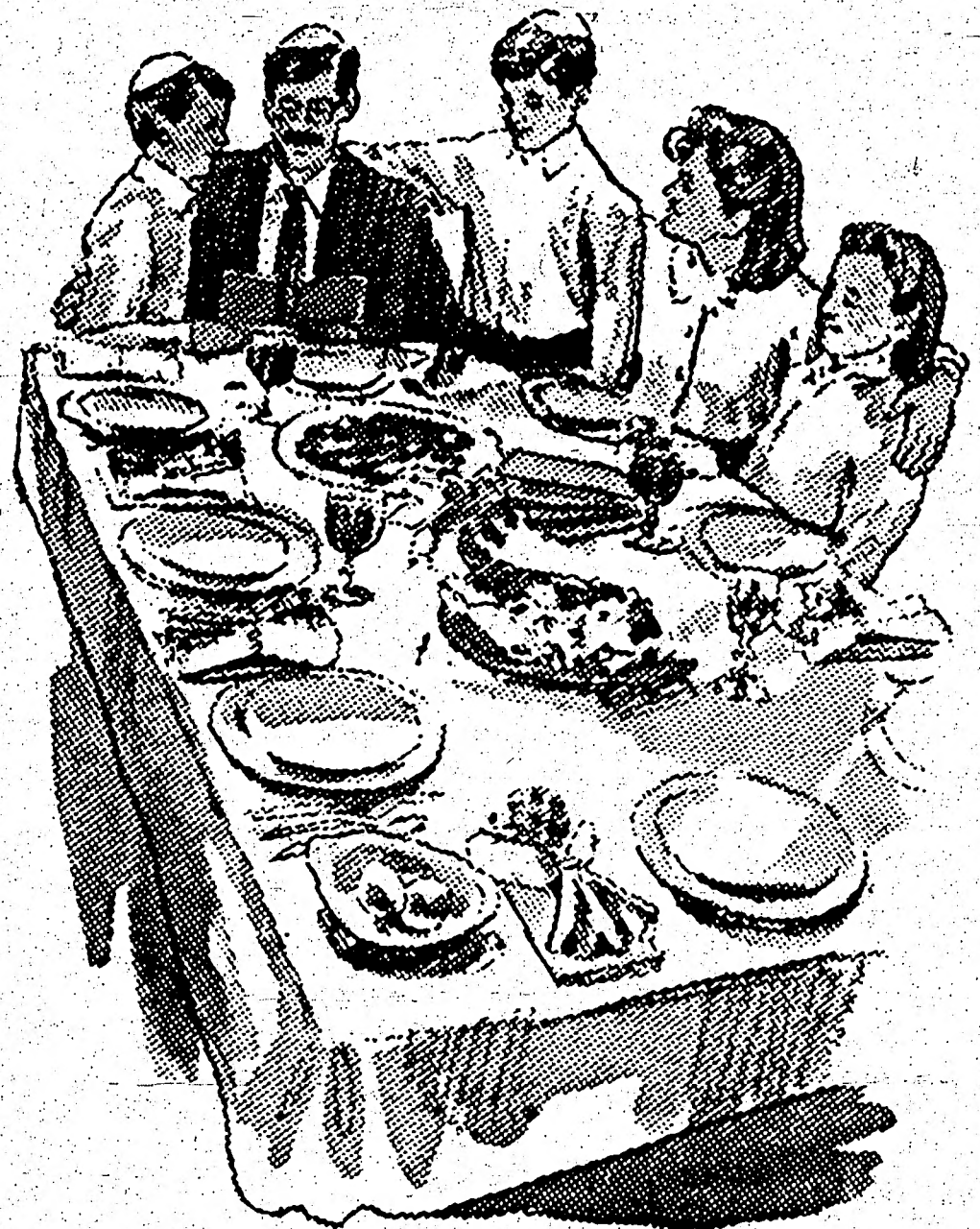
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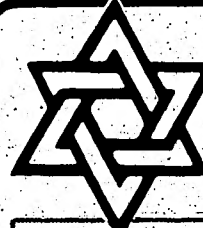
4 eggs
½ cup water
¼ cup oil
1 tsp. salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste

1 cup matzah meal
In a medium mixing bowl, beat the eggs. Add the water, oil, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Add the matzah meal and stir. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. This gives the batter a chance to thicken.

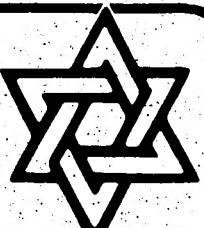
Fill a large pot with water (add salt, if desired) and bring to a boil. Shape the batter into balls, and





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Matzah's versatility only limited by cook's creativity

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drop into the boiling water. Cook, covered, for 20 minutes. Do not peek to see how they are doing. Cook longer for softer matzah balls.
Makes eight.

FRIED MATZAH

9 matzot, broken into pieces
3 eggs
Salt and pepper to taste
2-4 tbsp. margarine

Fill a kettle with water and bring it to a boil. Place the broken matzahs in a colander in the sink. Pour the boiling water over them to soften.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs with salt and pepper. Add the softened matzot to this mixture and let them soak for a few minutes.

Heat a large frying pan. Add the margarine and then the matzah/egg mixture. Cook without stirring until the matzah has browned on one side. Turn over in large chunks. Cook until matzah is the crispness your family prefers.
Serves six.

MATZAH ROLLS

2 cups matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar
1 cup water
1/2 cup oil
4 eggs

In a medium mixing bowl, combine matzah meal, salt and sugar. In a small saucepan, bring the water and oil to a boil, and then pour over the matzah mixture. Beat the eggs into this batter one at a time, beating well after each addition. Let stand for 15 minutes.

In the meantime, heat your ovens to 375F. Oil your hands and shape the batter into 12 balls. Place these on a greased cookie sheet and bake for 50 minutes.
Makes 12.

MATZAH STUFFING

2-4 tbsp. margarine
1 large onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 cups celery, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
8 oz. mushrooms, washed and sliced thinly
Salt and pepper to taste
Chicken broth
10 matzot, broken, or farfel

In a large frying pan, heat the margarine until it

melts. Add the chopped vegetables. Cook until they are tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove from heat.

Add broken matzot or farfel and enough chicken broth to moisten. Makes enough to stuff a 12 to 16 pound turkey. Or, grease a 9 x 3 inch glass baking dish. Fill with the stuffing, cover, and bake at 350F for one hour.
Serves 12.

PASSOVER BROWNIES

3/4 cup oil
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
3/4 cup Passover cocoa
1 cup cake meal
2 tbsp. potato starch
1/2 cup strong, cold coffee
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
2 tbsp. finely chopped nuts (optional)

Chocolate glaze (optional)
In a medium mixing bowl, beat the eggs and oil. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and cocoa. Add these to the egg/oil mixture. Beat well.

Combine the cake meal and potato starch. Add them alternatively with the coffee, beating well after each addition. Finally, add one cup of coarsely chopped nuts.

Lightly grease a 9 x 13-inch glass baking pan. Sprinkle with two tablespoons of finely ground nuts, if desired. Pour in the batter.

Bake at 350F for about 25 minutes. Bake less for fudgier brownies and longer for more cake-like brownies. Glaze when cool, if desired.
Makes 48.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

6 tbsp. cocoa
2 tbsp. margarine or oil
1 tsp. vanilla (optional)
1 cup powdered sugar
2 tbsp. boiling water
Cream the margarine into the cocoa. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla. Add the boiling water and beat until smooth.

Makes about one cup, enough to glaze the top of the brownies.

PASSOVER FRUIT TART

Crust
1 cup matzah meal
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup melted margarine

In a small mixing bowl, combine matzah meal, su-

gar and cinnamon. Add the melted margarine. Combine thoroughly.

Press this mixture onto the bottom and sides of a 9-inch glass pie pan or tart ring. Bake at 375F for 10 minutes. Refrigerate until ready for use.

Filling

2 (12-oz.) baskets of strawberries OR
1 large can apricot halves, well-drained OR

Fresh fruits, such as pineapple, banana

and kiwi, sliced

Glaze

3-4 tbsp. strawberry or apricot preserves, or lemon marmalade depending on your selection of fruit
1 tsp. sweet liqueur or water

Strawberry Tart: Wash, stem and dry the strawberries. Paint the bottom of the crust with a small amount of the glaze. Arrange the strawberries in the pan, placing the largest in the centre and the smaller ones

on the outside. Brush with more glaze. Make the glaze by heating the preserves and liquid.

Apricot Tart: Paint the crust with the apricot glaze prepared as suggested above. Overlap the well-drained apricot halves in circles on the crust. Brush with more glaze.

Fresh Pineapple, Banana and Kiwi Tart: Paint the crust with glaze made from lemon marmalade in the manner suggested above. Slice fresh pineapple in thin

strips. Drain on paper towels before placing on the crust.

Arrange pineapple slices like the spokes of a wheel. Place the banana rounds between the spokes. Place the kiwi slices around the edges. Brush with more glaze.

CHOCOLATE

COVERED MATZAH

6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits
1 tsp. margarine
6 slices matzah
In a small saucepan, heat

the margarine with the chocolate bits. Use a low fire, taking care not to burn the chocolate. Using a spatula, spread, while hot, over the matzah.

When the chocolate has cooled on the matzah, stack between layers of waxed paper. Use about one ounce of chocolate per slice of matzah.

If you can't find Passover chocolate chips, make the glaze given in the Passover Brownie recipe. Spread as directed above.

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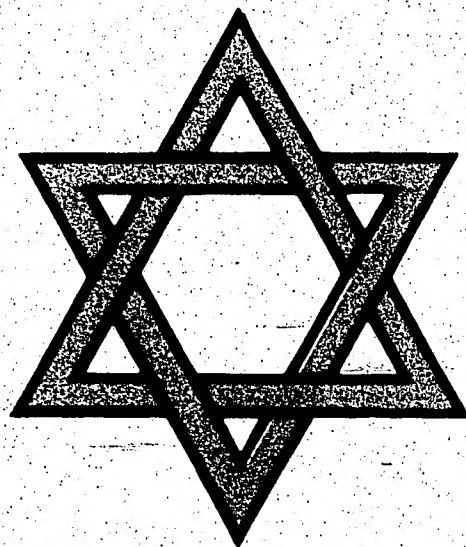
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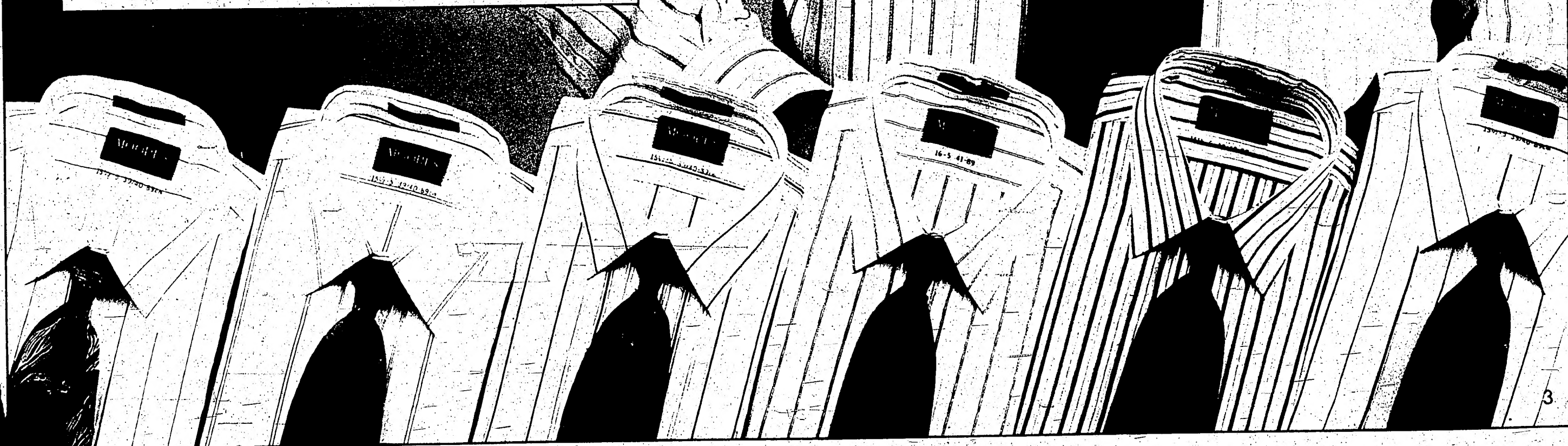


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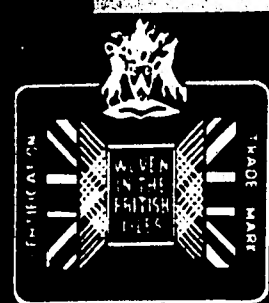
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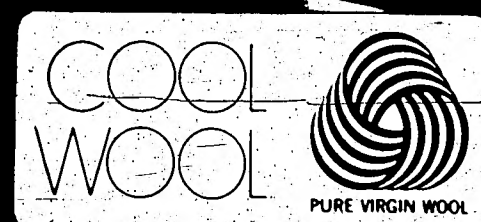
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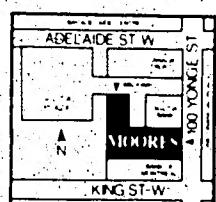
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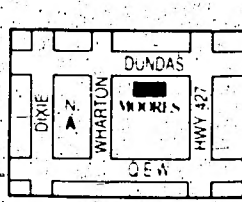
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COMPARE
AT \$110



DOWNTOWN TORONTO
100 Yonge St.
(Enter from 100 Yonge St.
or from inside Scotia Plaza)
363-5442



MISSISSAUGA EAST
2150 Dundas Street East
(Just West of Hwy 427)
276-6666



MISSISSAUGA WEST
4557 Hurontario St.
Mississauga Market Place
507-1117

BRAMPTON
239 Queen Street East
(Squire Mews Plaza,
East of Kennedy)
453-5700

OAKVILLE
95W Dorval North
Oakville Town Centre
338-0111

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
OR YOUR MONEY REFUNDED

MOORES
THE SUIT PEOPLE



OVER 70 STORES ACROSS CANADA
AND STILL GROWING



NORTH YORK
80 Steeles Avenue W.
(Just West of Yonge St.)
731-0160

MARKHAM
5328 Hwy. 7 W.
(East of McCowan
on Hwy. 7)
471-1984

DUFFERIN MALL
900 Dufferin Street
(Just South of Bloor)
537-3487

SCARBOROUGH
2300 Lawrence Avenue E.
(White Shields Plaza at Kennedy)
755-3331

SCARBOROUGH EAST
3711 Lawrence Avenue E.
(Just East of Markham Road)
439-5088

OSHAWA
540 King Street West
433-0455

NEWMARKET
130 Yonge Street South
(Located in the Gates of
York Shop Plaza)
898-1071

BARRIE
411 Bayfield
Springwater Market Place
734-9884

BURLINGTON
3295 Fairview St.
634-2371

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